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Strike paralyses N. Lebanon port

TRIPOLI (AP) - The port of Lebanon's second largest city was brought to a standstill Monday by an open-ended strike by workers seeking higher pay in northern Lebanon. About 500 workers and employees at the state-run harbour said they would return to work only when Prime Minister Rafik Harin's government accepted demands for wage hikes and improved social security conditions. The 2,000-strong workforce of Beirut port also is threatening to strike for similar reasons. The 350,000-strong General Federation of Labour Trade Unions has declared support for the demands. It is the first public challenge to Mr. Hariri government, which came to power Oct. 31 vowing to speedily lift the country from the economic have of 15 years of civil war. Mr. Harin, a self-made billionaire backed by Saudi Arabia and Syria, has managed to boost the national currency but failed to curb inflation and lower prices of basic commodities. The Lebanese pound, which rated 2,000 to the U.S. dollar before Mr. Harin's tokeover, has since resen to 1.750 to the dollar on the Mr. Harin's takeover, has since risen to 1,750 to the dollar on the exchange market. But there was no corresponding improvement in the currency's purchasing power. Mr. Harin has said economic improvement would be felt only after the lapse of six months from his accession to power. Lebanon suffered up to \$25 billion worth of destruction during the 1975-1990 civil war, by U.N. estimates.

-Price: Jordan 100 fils; Sandi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams

FBI says

expected

NEW YORK (Agencies) — More arrests and more search

warrants are expected this week

in connection with the bombing

of the World Trade Centre, the

New York head of the Federal

Bureau of Investigations (FBI)

said Monday, as investigators get

their first chance to examine the

Two more flats in Jersey City,

New Jersey, were searched over

the weekend, FBI spokesman

Joseph Valiquette said Monday.

He denied news reports that a

man was detained in one of the

Much of the investigation has

been centred in Jersey City, lo-

cated across the Hudson River

from New York. The main sus-

pect in the case, Mohammad

Salameh, had a flat there and

rented the van helieved to have

James Fox, New York director

"We could have additional

search warrants, and possibly

arrest warrants, this week," Mr.

Fox said on the ABC programme

But Mr. Fox added the inves-

tigation would be a long one.

going on "for months, at least."
Mr. Salameb, born in the West

Bank, is the only person formally

charged in the bombing so far.

Authorities have said a second

man accompanied Mr. Salameh

when he rented the van. They

have refused to give his identity.

Egyptian-born Ibrahim Al Gab-

rowny is also being held after his

arrest on Thursday on charges of

obstructing federal agents who

Aside from Mr. Salameh,

Good Morning America,"

for the FBI, said more develop-

ments were expected this week.

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KUWAIT (R) - Iraqi anthorities have detained two Pakistani ities have detained two Pakistani soldiers who drove hy mistake from Kuwait into Iraq, United Nations observers said Monday. "They accidentally but illegally entered Iraq after taking a wrong turn at a junction," a spokesman of the U.N. Iraq-Knwait Offserver Mission (UNIKOM) said. "They were apported by the They were apprehended by the Iraqis." He told Reuters the inc dent occurred on March 4. The two belong to a brigade of Pakistani army engineers helping to destroy thousands of mines and other unexploded ordnance remaining from 1raq's 1990-91 occupation of Kuwait and the Gulf war.

Kaddoumi visits Syria

TUNIS (R) — Faronk Kaddouni, head of the Palesme Liberation Organisation's (PLO) political department, left for Damascus Monday to press for a meeting of the Arah parties in the Middle East peace process, PLO officials said. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa said last month Syria would convene an Arah conference in Damascus to try to relaunch Middle East peace talks and solve the question of Palestinian deportees. But so far Syria has not given invitations or set a date for such a meeting of the foreign ministers of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and a senior representative of the PLO.

Aigerian party rejects crisis talks

ALGIERS (R) - One of Algeria's main opposition pirties, the Socialist Forces Front (TFS), said Monday it would not aftend talks planned by the presidency to seek a solution to the country's crisis. The army-backed collective presidency planned to start talks with opposition politicians this week, after a year of political upheaval. indamentalist un during 1993. rest. So far, only the former. ruling National Liberation Front has said publicly it will take part but stressed the talks must not be "a banal repetition" of earlier. ones. The FFS, led by veteran independence war leader Hocine Ait Ahmad, said in a statement preliminary talks were needed to reach minimum agreement on what the dialogue should achieve and who should participate.

Floods hit Iran; villages cut off

NICOSIA (R) - Floods have hit Iran for a second successive month, cutting off or inundating some 800 villages in the south and the west. Tehran Radio reported Monday. It said 750 villages were cut off in the southern Kohkiluveh and Boyer Ahmad province, which was badly damaged in last month's floods which killed 500 people and caused \$1 billion worth of damage across the country. Karun River burst its banks in the oil-producing Khuzestan province, inundating 41 villages near Khorramshahr port and on Minoo Island in Shatt Al Arab river on the Iraqi border.

Anti-isiamist women thank Algerian police

ALGIERS (R) — A group of young women in Algiers gave a



Palestinian shot dead after settler killed in occupied Gaza Strip

AMMAN TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1993, RAMADAN 16, 1413

occupied Gaza Strip Monday hours after a Jewish settler was stabbed to death, a hospital official said.

Palestinian witnesses said settlers returning from the funeral of slain settler Uri Magidish shot and killed the 20-year-old Palestinian who was walking in a gas station inside the strip near the Erez checkpoint.

The army confirmed that a Palestinian had been shot near the checkpoint, which separates the Gaza Strip from Israel, and that he had been evacuated to

It said settlers had taken part in disturbances at the checkpoint but added that it was checking who shot the Palestinian.

A spokeswoman for Barzilai hospital in the Israeli city of Ashkelon said an unnamed resident of Gaza bad been brought to hospital dead from gunshot wounds. Magidish, 38, was the fourth

Jew killed by Gaza Palestinians in

Military sources said he was stabbed to death by two Palesti-mians who worked for him in the from now," Gan Or resident Yos-

porters after meeting Vladimir

Petrovsky, newly-appointed

director-general of the United

Nations European headquarters

and a former deputy foreign minister of the old Soviet Union.

see an accord with Damascus,

Mr. Peres replied: "Our wish is to

have it during 1993. We would

not like to postpone it. We think

the time is running out, and this is

Without specifying a time-

would like to have a full peace, a

frame, Mr. Peres said Israel

comprehensive peace, with all

parties on all subjects and no-

thing should be postponed until

Mr. Peres called on Mr. Pet-

roysky at the start of a four-day

trip that will take him to the

European Parliament in Stras-

bourg and from there on an offi-

He told reporters Israel felt

ehance" that both hilateral talks added.

there was "more than a fair

ies and accused of aiding Hamas.

One has since been released. The

other two remain in jail hut have

yet to be charged with any crime.

Boulos, said his elient, a resident

of Pennsylvania, has not been

"I think he was questioned

charged since his Feb. 20 arrest.

because he is just an Arab Amer-

ican who arrived at the same time

with the other Arab-Americans

who were arrested," Mr. Boulos

He said Mr. Hamdan arrived in

his bometown Al Bireh, near

Ramailah, in late January to visit

relatives. He was accompanied by

his wife, Iman Annab Hamdan,

Israel Radio said Sunday that

Mr. Hamdan was suspected of

also of Palestinian origin.

said.

Mr. Hamdan's attorney, Jawad

cial visit to Germany.

not in the interest of peace or the

parties of peace."

100 late."

Asked when he would like to

Israel wants peace pact _

with Syria in '93 — Peres

GENEVA (Agencies) - Israel's with Palestinian representatives

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and multilateral negotiations with

said Monday his country boped its Arab neighbours would re-

for a peace agreement with Syria sume at the end of April in

Washington.

EREZ CHECKPOINT, occu- settlement of Gan Or hours after pied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — A Israel lifted a six-day closure Palestinian was shot dead in the order preventing the strip's 750,000 Palestinians travelling to

> Israel Radio said the Arabs had worked for Magidish as day labourers for several weeks and their identity was known.

Settler spokesman Shai Bazak told news agencies a group of settlers was heading for the office of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin to protest against the killing. His message said: "The settlers are

Commenting on the checkpoint shooting, military sources said: There was shooting by unmown persons in the area of Erez checkpoint towards an Arab who was wounded. He was taken to hospital. The matter is being

checked." The settlers themselves blamed the violence in the impoverished strip on government inaction and a debate over the past week following the slaying of three Israelis last week - abont when

to pull ont of the Gaza Strip.
"The government has to be more assertive with the Arabs and not to say it is leaving here

December when Israel expelled

415 Palestinians from the occu-

pied territories to Lebanon. It

accused them of being supporters

of the hardline Hamas organisa-

parties of the negotiations had

emerged with a clear-position,"

members of the United Nations

have changed their attitudes on

many issues, including Israel," he

Nations who would not previous-

ly recognise Israel have now

established relations with us, like

India and China which are very

important countries," Mr. Peres

"Many members of the United

Mr. Peres said most of the

si Tzarfaty told the Associated Press after Magidish's slaying. After the slaying, soldiers

stood guard over some 200 Palestinian labourers employed in the settlement who had been detained and were sitting along a roadside. Two of the detainees were bound and hindfolded.

Witnesses and the army said Magidish was knifed in his car by his Arab employees be was bringing to work, then dragged into his greenhouse. Reporters saw plastic sheets in the greenbouse covered with blood.

After the slaying, a slogan appeared on a wall in the town of Rafah to the south claiming responsibility for the slaying of the Zionist settler." It was signed by the "Fatah Hawks," A poll published by the Maariv

daily Friday showed that two thirds of Israelis support some sort of withdrawal, but Mr. Tzarfaty and several others in this settlement of 47 families laughed when asked Monday's killing prompted thoughts of leaving.
"God forbid," Mr. Tzarfaty

But Mr. Tzarfaty's neighbour, Ilanit Ukra, disagreed. "If they

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grance to an ill-defined peace plan and promise to stop fighting each other for control of their war battered capital, Kabul.

Islam's boliest shrine in Mecca to bonour the accord. But back bome, at least two

already agreed to resume. "But the Palestinians have not yet not work. Accompanied by Pakistani

The Israeli minister said he had told Mr. Petrovsky his country felt the United Nations, where Israel was for two decades a main target of criticism, had changed. the Prophet Mohammed. This is because the world has changed and also because the

Faisal, who as envoy of Sandi Arabian King Fahd belped Mr. Sharif mediate the settlement to try to put an end to I1 months of battles in Kahul.

hardline Hezb-e-Islami.

Mr. Hekmatyar became prime minister earlier Monday and joined the government he fought nearly 11 months to unseat.

oppose this agreement, Mr. Hekmatyar said earlier as be boarded the plane for Sandi Arabia.

tan and sponsored by Iran and Saudi Arabia, seemed to resolve none of the long-standing differences - ethnic and religious that have plagued the rebel chiefs for more than a decade.

Few in Afghanistan seemed confident the accord would stop the bombardment that has elaimed thousands of casualties, most of them civilians, since the rebels overran Kahnl and the former communist government surrendered.

At least two rebel factions, a breakaway faction of Hezb-e-Islami and the Iranian-backed coalition Hezb-e-Wahdat, expressed doubts the warring factions would be able to form a working government that could



in the occupied Gaza Strip (AFP photo)

Husseini and PLO officials meet British minister today in London

London revokes ban on lop-level PLO contact the level of official contacts with

the PLO, informed sources said.

By Wafa Amr Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini departed for London Monday for talks with British government ministers along with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials in what was expected to be the first meeting in upgraded contacts between the British government and the PLO.

Mr. Husseini, senior adviser to the Palestinlan delegation to peace talks with Israel, is scheduled to meet with Douglas Hogg, junior minister at the Foreign Office, Tuesday. The meeting, attended by three senior PLO officials, will be followed by ment that London was upgrading source said.

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A Jordanian detained in the U.S. as a suspect in

the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York has

sent a message assuring his family

Mohammad Salameh's lawyer

in New York Sunday called Mr.

Salameh's family by phone to

convey the message, Amin Salameh, Mohammad's father,

told the Jordan Times Monday.

his son's lawyer told him that the

evidence against his son was not

sufficient to incriminate him in

the bombing, which killed five people and injured about 1,000.

no relatives in the United States

and that he would travel to New

York to see his son if he is given a

visa by the U.S. embassy and if

He said his son, the eldest, had

Amin Salameh also said that

of his innocence.

The meeting would be the first between a British minister and PLO officials after London suspended bigh-level contacts with the PLO in late 1990 at the peak of the Gulf crisis. A Tunis-based PLO source

said the leadership of the PLO was informed of the British government's decision to upgrade official contacts with the organisation four days ago. "We delegated Faisal Husseini

from the occupied territories, Hayel Al Fahoum from the PLO's Political Department, and Afif Safyeb, the PLO's repre-PLO officials, will be followed by an expected British announce-the British officials," the PLO

he had the money to pay for the

He said he had not applied for

"I would go to see my son if I

a U.S. visa because be was afraid

had the money to pay for my trip," he told the Jordan Times in

his house in the lower-middle

class district of Hay Masoum in

Zarqa. Amin Salameh, a retired army

officer, said he was confident of

the innocence of his son whom he

described as a humerous, moder-

son. He condemns violence."

Amin Salameh told the Jordan

Times in his sitting room,

crowded by relatives and repor-

He said he was sure that his son

would be proven innocent when

Mohammad's mother also said

"My son is not a violent per-

ate and sociable person.

and if justice is applied.

of rejection.

Husseini said his talks with Mr. Hogg would include the Middle East peace process, the crisis sparked by Israel's Dec. 17 expulsion of more than 400 Palestinians and other related issues. In Amman, following a meet-

Prior to his departure, Mr.

ing with Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday morning, Mr. Husseini said Palestinians were awaiting an Israeli approval of a six-point compromise deal aimed at solving the expellees crisis.

He told the Jordan Times that Palestinian-American contacts and American-Israeli contacts were continuing with the aim of (Continued on page 5)

her 26-year-old son, who left Jordan for the United States in

February 1988 to pursue bigher education and find a joh.

Islamie Sharia at the University

of Jordan on a scholarship under

Mohammad Salameh studied

raided his apartment in the New Suspect in New York bombing York City borough of Brooklyn. assures family of his innocence

Prosecutors said at his arraignment that he was a suspect in the bombing, noting several ries between the two suspects. Mr. Salameb gave Mr. Gabrowny's address as his home when he applied for a New York State

driver's licence. Both men are linked to a fundamentalist Muslim group that is

the Royal endowment to sons and danghters of military personnel.
His father said Mohammad stusaid, "He does not even know died Sharia because it was the only college to which he was admitted. He said Mohammad's preference was to study law. Mohammad's mother and

father described him as a "quite, tender" person who treated his family well and passed time playthey condemned all attacks not directed at Israel. They said

During his study at the University of Jordan, Mohammad lived on his JD 35 stipend of which he gave JD 5 to his father

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ing soccer.

believed to be centred in a Jersey City mosque to which a radical Egyptian Muslim elerie is affili-In Jordan, Mr. Salameh's distraught and disbelieving mother

how to drive a car," referring to accusations that her son rented the van that carried the explo-Aisha, the 44-year-old mother of 13, and her neighbours said

Mohammad was being framed by agents of the Jewish state. Meanwhile, investigators inched closer to the "Ground

Zero" site of the bombing after (Continued on page 5)

Cyprus president invited to meet Ghali next week

Glafcos Clerides said Monday that U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali had invited him to New York next week to discuss efforts to reunify Cyprus.

Mr. Clerides said the invitation

was conveyed by Marrak Goulding, under-secretary-general for political affairs, and Gustave Feissel, the U.N. secretarial official responsible for war-divided is-The two, who arrived Sunday,

spent two hours with Mr. Clerides accompanied by the special U.N. representative on the island, Oscar Camilion. "They informed me that the

proposed meeting next week will be very brief, just a 24-hour visit," Mr. Clerides told reporters after his talks with the U.N. officials. He said the purpose would be

threefold: — To get acquainted with Dr. Ghali, following bis election last

month. - To set a date for resuming the U.N.-sponsors peace talks with. Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash.

NICOSIA (AP) - President widening the talks. Recent press reports said this would bring in the delegates of the five permanent members of the Security Conncil as well as Greece and Turkey.

Mr. Clerides said he expected the invitation for the New York meeting would have been extended to Mr. Denktash when the U.N. officials met him in the Turkish sector of the divided capital Monday afternoon. He said the likely date for

resumption of the talks would be sometime in May because the secretary-general had a full schedule for April. Mr. Camilion described Mon-

day's meeting as "very useful." he added it would be "premature" to talk about the possibility of the widening of the Cyprus peace talks.

Mr. Goulding responded curtly with a "no comment" when asked if he had brought any new proposals from New York.

The previous round of Cyprus peace talks ended inconclusively in November after Mr. Denktash rejected guidelines proposed by Dr. Ghali for the reunification of

Northern Somalia wants U.N., but with conditions The north - which was a

HARGEISA, Somalia (Agencies) — The dominant group in northern Somalia wants the United Nations to help strengthen its would oppose any large-scale de-ployment of U.N. forces. Hassan Issa Jama, vice-

president of the unrecognised Somaliland republic, told Reuters Sunday his government would accept a small U.N. force of about 750 men, along with U.N. help in providing services and developing the economy.

"It was on the understanding that the United Nations would not take over the country but would help the administration...we are opposed to heavy intervention as in Mogadishu,

The U.S.-led task force took control of Mogadishu and parts of sonthern Somalia in December to protect famine relief supplies from civil war looting.

The U.S. plans to withdraw most of its troops soon and turn control over to the United Nations, which intends eventually to deploy its forces over the whole of Somalia, including the north (see page 2).

British colony in the days when the south was ruled by Italy declared independence from the breakaway government but south in May 1991 to escape the worst of the chaos that followed the fall of dictator Mohammad Said Barre.

The United Nations spokesman in Mogadishu, Farouk Mawlawi, caused a stir last month when he said the northerners had agreed to a U.N. move north.

A foreign ministry spokesman in the northern capital Hargeisa said Somaliland approved a U.N. deployment last November - before anyone envisaged the massive military intervention in the south.

In fact the government of Somaliland is a government in name only because its authority does not extend as far as Hargeisa airport, about six kilometres from the town centre.

Each area is under the control of a clan militia which collects revenue by theft or extortion and passes none of it on to the central government. Some militias are merely bandits.

bouquet of flowers to a police patrol Monday to thank them for protection from Muslim fundamentalists who say the place of women is in the home. Hundreds of other women marked International Women's Day by gathering at a cemetery to remember victims of violence - the more than 300 members of the security forces and civilians who died last year in attacks blamed on fundamentalists .



orders to report, was held OCCUPIED JERUSALEM delivering money to Hamas to (AP) - A fourth Arab-American help rehuild the faction after jailed in Israel for alleged links to Hamas was taken into custody Israel expelled more than 400 alleged Palestinian hardliners to after twice obeying authorities' Lehanon in December. orders to report for questioning, Israeli officials have refused to

Arab-American followed

his lawyer said Monday. list any specifie accusations Israeli authorities disclosed the against Mr. Hamdan or release arrest of Anwar Hamdan, 33, on his name. Sunday, a week after he was taken into custody in the occu-

Mr. Boulos said be believes the spate of arrests stems from pied West Bank town of Ramal-Israel's belief in links between Palestinian-Americans and in late January, three Amer-Hamas, which it hlames for the icans of Palestinian origin were killings of several Israeli soldiers. arrested in the occupied territor-

At the time of the first arrests, some Israeli officials and media reports said Hamas was being run from the United States, an allegation denied by U.S. officials. At the time, Israel was seeking American help in heading off U.N. sanctions over the expulsion of the Palestinians to Leba-

Mr. Boulos said Mr. Hamdan followed orders by the Shin Bet internal security agency to report for questioning in late February, was released and told to return on a few days later. When Mr. Hamdan went back the second time be was taken into custody, the attor-

Mr. Boulos said Mr. Hamdan lives in Pennsylvania, but he did not know in which town. Mr.

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Afghan leaders in S. Arabia

RIYADH (AP) — Afghan leaders arrived Monday to swear alle-

They were to take an oath at

rebel groups warned that the peace accord signed Sunday in the Pakistani capital probably wound

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the leaders flew into Medina, where they were to visit the mosque of With them was Prince Turki Al

Iran also supported the agree-

The party landed just before

Muslims here broke their dawnto-dusk fast during the current Holy Month of Ramadan. They were guests at a banquet laid out for them by Crown Prince Abdullah, who was on hand to receive them at the airport.

Later, they were to proceed to Mecca, about 420 kilometres to the southwest, for the oath taking ceremony and a meeting with King Fahd.

The Afghan leaders included Interim President Burbanuddin Rabbani, 53, chief of Jamiat-e-Islami, and his archrival Gulhuddin Hekmatyar, 44, chief of the

"No group or individual can

But the plan, crafted by Pakis-

restore order and peace to Kabul. 1 — To discuss the possibility of

Islamic Group denies

link to New York blast

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's most active Muslim militant group denied Monday any link to the bombing of the World Trade bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York and warned that accurations defaming its still two federal agents who were

that accusations defaming its spir-

trying to search him at his apartitual mentor would not pass un-

Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) said was tried but acquitted on

in a statement it did not attack charges of sanctifying the assas-

innocent people of any religion.

ft said Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, a blind preacher who lives in New York and the Control of States since to the Control of States since since to the Control of States since since

"Unjustly defaming Imam money and publications inciting of them to attack security forces and

Gama'a Al Islamiya or his follow- of the New York blast and an

Doctor Omar has not been, is not Finday had been "arranged by.

and will never be a scapegoat." hands which undoubtedly planthe group said in a fax to an
international news agency.

Though the arranged by
hands which undoubtedly planned to harm Al Gama's Al Islamiya and its symbols in Cairo and

Two suspects arrested in connection with the World Trade lim militants of planting the cafe

ers and supporters in the world. explosion in a cafe in Cairo last

abroad."

lives in New Jersey, bad no connection to the bombing that

killed five people and wounded more than 1,000.

whether on the level of Al

Centre bombings are reported to be followers of Sheikh Abdul

stressing that Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, may God pre-serve him, has no link whatsoever

to the explosion at the World

Trade Centre, would like to clar-

Islamiya does not target inno-cents regardless of their reli-

'The policy of Al Gama'a Al

"Targeting Doctor Omar aims

ify important matters:

gions," the group said.

"Al Gama'a Al Islamiva, while

no conditions pass without action tourists.

Sheikh Abdul Rahman, who

The Egyptian government has accused him of sending militants

in Egypt tape-recorded sermons,

The group said the coincidence

bomb, which killed three people.

and injured 16. But the Gama'a,

denied it had anything to do with

Directing random accusations against Sheikh Omar Abdul Rah

man while (Egyptian President-

Hosni) Mubarak is preparing for

new military trials against mili-

tant suspects is 'extremely suspi-

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The trial of 49 alleged militants

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American military presence declines in Somalia

MOGADISHU (AP) - U.S. troop presence in Somalia continues to decline, dipping to less than half of Operation Restore Flope's international troops for the first time since the operation began three months ago. The United States is moving

gradually towards handing over its leadership of the mission to the United Nations. U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali has proposed May 1 for the hand-

The U.S. contingent in Somalia is now 13,905 soldiers, compared to a total of 14,017 troops from 22 other countries.

American troop strength reached a peak of 24,003 on Jan.

Marine Colonel Fred Peck, the U.S. military spokesman, said about 500 more Americans are expected to leave the next two

The United States turned over operational control of the Baledogle district to forces from Morocco Sunday. Only three of Somalia's nine districts - Mogadishu. Bardere and Merca temain under U.S. control.

In Washington, Deputy National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said the United States hopes to put a resolution before the U.N. Security Council soon to transfer the operation to U.N.

'It will enable us to continue to withdraw American soldiers and eventually turn this over to basically a U.N. operation." Ms. Berger said in an interview on CNN's "Newsmaker Sunday,"

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When former President George Bush sent American soldiers to Somalia in December to guard telief shipments to starving Somalis, he said he hoped most would be out by President Bill Clinton's inauguration, on Jan. 20. But continued lawlessness in Somalia forced officials to push

back the departure date. Dr. Ghali told ABC's "This Week with David Brinkely" he hoped the temoval of the U.S.led coalition troops will be done gradually and that some Ametican soldiers would remain as part of the U.N. peacekeeping operation.

Defence Sectetary Les Aspin. interviewed separately on the programme, said the United tates would keep from 3,000 to 5.000 troops in Somalia to provade logistical support for the U.N. force.

Meanwhile, U.S. marines Sunday mourned the death of one of their comrades, an apparent stiletde.

Officials said they would not refease the Marine's name until his relatives were notified. He apparently shot himself to death Saluiday night.

"It makes the loss, for some people, a little harder to accept. said Steven Kaegedein, who had commanded the soldier. Six other Americans have been killed in the Somalia aid opera-

In the southern port city of Kismayu, where Belgian torces assumed control Friday, clashes continued Sunday between supporters of two rival warlords [o]. Omar Jess and Mohammad Said t lirsi, also known as General

Morgan. Col. Peck said sporadic gunfire and possible grenade blasts were neard at a demonstration in Kismaya involving 100 to 200 people who had assembled barricades of barning tyres. It was not known if there were casualties.

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A young Somali bodyguard carries a gun near Mogadishu escorting a truck carrying relief supplies (AFP photo).

American Muslims expect backlash in wake of blast

NEW YORK (AP) — The arrest of a Muslim Arah in the World Trade Centre bombing has prompted threatening phone calls and at least one act of vandalism against Muslims — and some say they fear more attacks on

their community.

Threatening and obscene phone calls have been made to numerous Muslim centres around the country since Thursday's arrest of Mohammad Salameh, said M.T. Mehdi, president of the American Arah Relations Committee.

A mosque in Jersey City, where Mr. Salameh reportedly worshiped, was vandalised over the weekend. About a dozen people took part in a peaceful demonstration in front of it Sunday that was organised by the New York-hased Coalition for Jewish Concerns.

Mr. Salameh, 25. is being held without hail in connection with the Feb. 26 bombing that killed five people and closed the trade centre's twin 110-storey towers for at least a month.

disappointing that this open society is not quite as open and protective," said Mr. Mehdi. "There is a chill thrown upon our freedom of

By Tom Cohen

The Associated Press

MOGADISHU - Bandits

kill a relief worker in a road-

side ambush. Two men hop a

moving truck and roh the driver before soldiers guard-

ing the food convoy know

what happened. Relief agen-

cies are pilfered as payday

Routine violence continues

for relief workers in Somalia.

despite the thousands of fore-

ign troops sent to restore order. The U.S-led military

coalition has ended outright

clan warfare, but seems un-

able to stop widespread ban-

dirry in a country with no

government and plenty of

U.S. officials say the coali-

tion forces never intended to

serve as a police force, only

to ensure that food and other

emergency aid reach the needy. The United Nations

wants to start a national

police force, but that is

expression because we are

Dr. Mehdi, who is also secretary general of the National Council on Islamic Affairs, said many of his colleagues in this country have reported a surge in hostility against Muslims.

Dr. Shaheer Yousef, who is active in local and national Islamic affairs, said people have been asking him a lot of suspicious questions about

"They think fslam and extremism are one and the same thing," said Dt. Yousef. "They think Muslims in this country are a potential threat to this country. This is the perception. I believe people are grossly misinformed."

Dr. Yousef said he feels

"threatened by the tone of their questions. f know what they're thinking." fslam is America's fastest growing religion with more

than 10 million adherents. about 800,000 of them in the New York area, Dr. Mehdi said. Most are immigrants or children of immigrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa. There are 1.2 billion followers of Islam worldwide. he said.

Dt. Mohammad Sai'd, who is active in several national Arah groups, said his chil-

months away, after it takes

over the security mission

Foreign relief officials say

they will leave if aid workers

continue toget killed. Such an

exodus would cripple and

perhaps terminate the relief

effort credited with saving

millions of lives since last

country in the next months is

hased on whether the expatri-

ates stay," said Mike McDo-

nagh, field director for the

Irish relief agency Concern.

Valerie Place of Concern

died when her vehicle was

ambushed while travelling

north of Mogadishu. At least

two other foreign relief work-ers have been killed since the

troops arrived Dec. 9, and

three Somalis working for the

International Committee of

the Red Cross died in a land-

"If another one or two are

killed, these agencies are

going to get a lot of pressure

Just two weeks ago, nurse

"The whole future of the

from the United States.

dren are afraid their classmates will taunt them.

'My children are concerned about when they go back to school," Dr. Sai'd said. "This hostility is because people are really confused about Muslims. Some people who have underlying prejudices take this oppor-tunity and label all Muslims the same.

Muslims in a heavily Arah aciehbourhood of Brooklyn, New York voiced similar fears Sunday.

"They all think Muslims want to go kill people," said Sudanese-born Sidahmad Mahjouh, 34, leafing through Arah newspapers at the Fertile Crescent deli before he went to a nearby mosque. "They think all Muslims do

that. It's wrong thinking. We are good people. We don't approve of the bombing." Tabet Mughrabi, 50, said

attention focused on Mr. Salameh has tainted his reli-When f talk to people

about Muslims, they think we are all bard and had," Mr. Mughrabi said. "That's not true. It's a bard religion but it's not bad. (Salameh) was just one person. It doesn't have anything to do with the rest of us."

Protecting relief workers crucial in Somalia

from their governments and their people hack home 10 not be here," said fan Mac-

Leod, spokesman for the Un-

ited Nations Children's Fund

United Nations agencies

supplying food to Somalia

work only with the foreign

relief groups instead of local Somalis, a legacy of the vast

looting and corruption of the

past. The departure of fore-

ign organisations would leave

a void unlikely to be filled.

Despite the relief ship-

ments spreading throughout

the country for almost three

months, tremendous need re-

mains. Death rates remain

high in some areas, mostly

from disease ravaging the

The major crop season be-

gins soon and if successful,

could help ease the food

In the meantime, reliance

remains heavy on donated

food that now reaches remote

shortage, officials say.

Mr. McDonagh said.

malnourished.

(UNICEF).

Lebanese army arrests 11 suspects in shootout

diers have apprehended 11 rival in the Tayyouneh suburb. Shiite Muslim militiamen wanted for a weekend shootout in south Beirut, the army command said Monday.

late Sunday handed over to the army command nine of 10 men involved in the firefight with with the more seenlar pro-Syrian Amal movement.

The statement said two others, a Hizbollahi and an Amal, were arrested at a Lebanese army checkpoint in east Beirut's Jist Al Basha neighbourhood.

An army official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the command was waiting for the leadership of Amal and Hizbollah to hand over seven others.

An earlier military communique stressed the newly restructured, 42,000-strong army will not "hesitate to quell harshly any disorders."

The army established a permanent presence in the lawless slums of south Beirut in December. The suburbs that abut the city's airport witnessed the hirth of Shute violence during the height of Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war, when the army disintegrated along sectarian lines. On Monday, troops were raid-

district of Ghobeiri, a Hizbollah stronghold, and the nearhy Amal-controlled Shiyyah area in search for the wanted men and

illegal weapons. Saturday's clash was triggered by an exchange of insults between

BEIRUT (AP) - Lebanese sol- members of Amal and Hizbollah One civilian was wounded when Hizbollah activists opened

up with machine-gun fire at the

offices of Amal in Shiyyah. A communique said the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizboilah brief vaccum resulting from a rotation of troops, the army said. House Speaker Nabih Berri, who heads Amal, declared support for the army's measures "to enforce law, hunt down irregulars and crush violations.

> Bot Hizbollah's polithuro chief, Hussein Khalil, said "the army should be kept out of the quagmire of Lebanese politics and domestic disputes."

> ft was the first shootout since the army took over security duties in south Beirut in De-

During the civil war, pro-Ira-man groups turned the slums into a haven for suicide carbombers and hostage-takers. Most of the American, British

and French hostages grabbed since 1984 were held for years in

Amal and Hizbollah were locked in a 1987-1990 intermittent struggle for control of Lehanon's 1.2 million Shiftes, who make up

the country's largest single sect. Hizbollah is the standard bearing houses in the south Beirut er of Iran's hrand of Shiite fundamentalism while Amal is more

Although the government has disarmed most militias that fought in Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war, various militias still retain

Gates says Iran stirring fundamentalism in Egypt

WASHINGTON (R) - Former people and injured 1,000, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Robert Gates accused Iran Sunday of fomenting said the Jewish state and the Muslim fundamentalist violence United States were using the blast aimed at overthrowing President to stir a frenzy against Islamic Hosni Mobarak of Egypt and fundamentalism, setting up an Islamic republic.

"Most of the governments in that area are deeply concerned this," said Mr. Gates, who retired as CIA director in January at the

"basically indigenous, but to a out elaborating. considerable degree they are In Cairo, security was tightperhaps others," he added.

areas in truck convoys with foreign troops riding shot-

But the risk also has in-

creased. While the foreign

troops have intimidated

Somalia's warring factions

into putting away their heavy

weapons, former militia

fighters have resorted to rob-

bery and looting since they

"It's going to he a long time before armed banditry is

brought onder control in

Somalia," departing U.S.

special envoy Robert Oakley

In a bid to crack down on

violence, foreign troops have

tried to seize any weapons

they find in volatile areas

such as Mogadishu and Kis-

mayu. The crackdown re-

sulted in Somalia drivers and

guards for relief agencies los-

Some now have permission

for guards to carry automatic

rifles, hut rohbers still per-

ceive relief agencies and vehi-

ing their weapons.

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lost their jobs.

said last week.

Iran accused Israel Sunday of involvement in the bombing and "The fingerprints of (Israeli intelligence service) Mossad and

Israel are quite visible in the New about fran's role in promoting York bombing," a Tehran Radio commentary said. The radio said the blast "bore

end of the George Bush adminis- unmistakable resemblance to other Mossad operations in ftaly, Egypt's current problems are Tunisia, Beirut and France" with-

aggravated by the Iranians and ened at high-rise office buildings Sunday after the militant Islamic Mr. Gates made his comments group threatened to target busion ABC Television. He said it ness in its drive to bring about a was too early to say whether any pure Islamic state. Guerrilla state was behind the Feh. 26 attacks on foreigners have devas-bombing of New York's World tated Egypt's tourist industry in Trade Centre, which killed five the past five mooths.

cles as potential prey and possible sources of otherwise

scarce cash, food and electro-

fn February, two relief

agencies had large amounts

of money stolen the oight

before they were to pay their

workers. In both cases, for-

mer local employees were

"I know that our people

feel more insecure now than

they did before," said Brenda Barton of the World Food

. Just ask Johannes O'Sellas-

sie, a WFP truck driver. He

was robbed of his sleeping

bag, clothes, money and food

in a 30-second attack while he

drove in a convoy guarded by

"They were fast, fast," Mr.

O'Sellassie said of the two men who jumped onto his

cab, forced open the passen-ger door and held a gun to his throat, "f tried to push them

but when f see a pistol and

the knife, what can f do?"

Programme (WFP).

Pakistani soldiers.

nic equipment.

suspected.

at disfiguring the image of faithful Egypt's tourist industry is due to Muslim scholars in the world begin in a military court just which could leave bad repercus- outside Cairo Tnesday. sions on relations between Muslims and the West in the future." One of the suspects is Mohammad Salameh, who was arrested Six would be tried in their abs-

Military Prosecutor-General Majot-General Mohammad Abdullah said some could be sentenced to death if convicted.

Thursday and charged by U.S. ence because they were still on prosecutors on suspicion of rent-the run.

Muslim extremist leader defends ideology in court

CAIRO (AP) - Safwat Abdul adheres to Islamic tenets save the religioo.

said. "Islam bas ordered us to

conceived and planned the Oct. awaken him'." 12, 1990 murder of Egypt's Parhament Speaker Rifaat Al Mah-

A charismatic speaker, Abdul Ghani was until his capture chief recruiter for Al Gamaa Al Islamiya, the extremist Muslim group, and leader of its religious

wing.
His followers call him "The Philosopber."

aside four court sessions, which ended Sunday, for Mr. Abdul Ghani to make videotaped disconrses on his group's ideology. His lawyers said copies of the tape will be distributed to Al

Gamaa mosques as an ideological. Bearded and wearing a flowing white galabiya and tennis shoes, Mr. Abdul Ghani entered the courtroom handcuffed to a guard on each side. Unshackled, the defendant placed a stack of books and notes on a lectern facing the

Speaking calmly and confident-Quotiog the Prophet Mouanimad, be spoke of every Muslim's of providing religious sanction to ensure that society Mr. Sadat's murder.

three-hour dissertation on Islam's rules as his group sees them.

Ghani, an accused assassin on force if necessary but preferably trial for his life, stood to explain by gentle persuasion, to the court a Muslim extremist's "When Islam allowed us to

view of Islam as a boly war to show people the right path and keep them from sinning, it put "Jihad is being subjected to a limits because it does not want fierce campaign from the enemies chaos in our society," he said. of Islam. The West ... calls it He gave examples such as umnking alcohol.

"Islam does not say if you see fight in order to reach the people, someone drinking alcohol go and and not to kill (randomly). That bit him," Mr. Abdul Ghani said. is what is meant by jihad." It's only if the person ignores a Mr. Abdul Ghani, 30, has been warning about his drinking, then on trial in a state security court verbal threats, that force comes since July 1991 on charges he into play: 'to hurt the sinner to

> Muslim extremists like Mr. Abdul Ghani want to replace Egypt's largely secular legal code with Islamic law (Sharia), but the government says Egyptian law already is 90 per cent Sharia. In neighbourhoods they control. militants apply their brand of Islam. They have stormed wed-

ding ceremonies in southern Egypt and attacked revellers be-In an unusual twist, Judge cause celebrations included music Wahid Mahmoud Ibrahim set and dancing. They have torched liquor and video stores in Cairo. Mr. Abdul Ghani dismisses accusations that extremists use excessive force "with knives and

chains" as a campaign to discredit his group.

Jihad should be waged only against those who stand between the masses and Islam, like secular rulers, he said. "I fight those who fight Islam so that they won't

stand between me and the people." Mr. Abdul Ghani said, "f kill those who oppress the people." Conforming to this logic, Muslim extremists killed former Presly, Mr. Abdul Ghani started a ident Anwar Sadat in 1981 after he cracked down hard on them. Egyptian Sheikh Omar Abdul

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Crown Prince urges quality advances in educational system

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal sities should be urged to finalise Highness Crown Prince Hassan advanced teacher training prog-Monday chaired a meeting of the Ministry of Education Educational Council to discuss the implementation of resolutions and recommendations of the 1987 National Educational Confer-

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Stressing the need for the council to arrange for good quality textbooks for the primary stage, the Crown Prince said there was an urgency for preparing such books according to plan.

He underlined the responsibil-

ity of parents as well as teachers in evaluating the children's books, adding that every effort should be made to benefit from the experiences of other Arab and foreign countries.

Particular attention in this regard, the Prince said, should be given to books on science, mathematics, vocational training and English language.

Referring to school buildings, Prince Hassan said care should be taken to have schools built in convenient areas, and teachers in remote regions should be provided with housing. He said that the Ministry of

Education can undertake such endeavours in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Works and

renovation plan

Housing.
The Crown Prince said univer-

Sharif Zeid to inaugurate new charlty

Jordanian cultural development and national heritage,

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker is scheduled to inaugurate the newly founded Ghibal Charitable

Society in Jabal Hussein district on Wednesday. The society aims

to provide assistance to the needy and also to contribute to

House reviews temporary education law

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament Monday

resumed discussion of the 1988 temporary education law and

discussed several proposals presented by its committees on

various issues, including demands to improve the conditions of employees at the Natural Resources Authority, the Civil Aviation

Authority, the Ministry of Supply and Jordanian state universi-

Antiquities office forms panel to monitor

AMMAN (Petra) — Director General of the Antiquities Department Safwan Al Tell Monday formed a committee which comprises department engineers and officials to inspect the Dar Al Saraya huilding (the old Irbid jail) and follow-up procedures to convert it into an archaeological museum. Dr. Tell district meeting Monday and discussed its plans rending the evacuation of the jail. The Cabinet recently approved

pending the evacuation of the jail. The Cabinet recently approved

converting the jail which was built by the Ottomans into a

museum which wilf include exhibition halfs, a library, a laboratory

and several offices. The renovation works are expected to be

AJLOUN (Petra) - The Ajloun Public Safety Committee

decided Monday to close four shops in the district because of

Alloun safety group shuts down 4 shops

advanced teacher training prog-rammes as agreed to with the

ministry. In this regard, Prince Hassan stressed the need for the ministry to closely coordinate its efforts with those of the National Centre for Educational Development and Research (NCEDR).

He expressed his interest in seeing vocational training prog-rammes at Jordanian schools promoted and stressed the need for linking vocational training to the requirements of the local labour market and Jordanian development schemes.

As the new educational courses in schools aim at graduating Tawiihi students with advanced training, said Prince Hassan, there is a need for the development of programmes and plans at universities to adapt to the new situa-

He expressed hope that the universities will establish princi-ples to allow for school graduates. to enroll in Jordan's institutes of higher education in accordance with the new principles.

At the outset of the meeting,

Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Thougan Al Hindawi outlined plans for the implementation of the 1987 conference resolutions.

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — A conference of Arab ministers of labour in Am-

man next month could serve as a fresh forum to advance efforts to mend Arab fences and bring about reconciliation among the **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF** Arab states which fell out over the Gulf crisis, officials said Mon-

Most Arab countries bave accepted ministerial-level invitations to the conference issued by the Ministry of Labour through their respective diplomatic mis-sions here, Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabariti said. Other sources said Kuwait and some of the Arab Maghreb coun-

tries were among those yet to

By P. V. Vivekanand

confirm their participation.

Mr. Kabariti said the Arab League secretary-geoeral, Esmat Abdul Meguid, had confirmed that he would attend the April 5, Arab Labour Office (ALO) meeting, the first Arah League gathering in Jordan since the Gulf crisis sparked by the Angust 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The Gulf Arah states sent lowlevel delegations to a meeting of planning ministers of the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) member states held in Amman in September last year.
Dr. Abdul Meguid, who will

address the ALO conference in Amman, will also hold talks with current efforts to clear the Arab atmosphere as well as the latest developments in the region," Mr. Kahariti said.

But this does not necessarily mean that Dr. Abdul Meguid is planning a new phase in Arab League efforts to heal imer-Arab

At the same time, the meeting, which will be formally opened by His Majesty King Hussein, "will definitely afford us an opportunity to reaffirm our goodwill and



Her Majesty Queen Noor Monday greets Amirah her tour of the International Tourism Exchange in (left) and Amneh, twins born in Amman, during Berlin (AFP photo)

Labour conference could serve as

Abdul Karim Al Kabariti

Mr. Kabariti told the Jordan

Jordan's appreciation of the assistance the Gulf states used to extend to the Kingdom prior to the Gulf crisis and the employment opportunities Jordanians still have in the Gulf states except Kuwait — was a key theme in speeches made by Mr. Kabariti at Arab and international labour forums, including the 1992 ALO meeting held in Libya and an International Labour Organisation (ILO) conference held in Geneva.

Around 300,000 Jordanians continue to work in the Gulf states; almost an equal number were forced out of Kuwait in the wake of the Gulf crisis.

"We are very grateful for the employment opportunities for Jordanians in the Gulf states and the treatment they receive in crisis," Arab reconciliation would their host countries," said Mr. come "only within the context of

While no-one sees a "magic formula" to mend the strain in Jordan's political relations with Gulf states, Jordanian officials reaffirm that the Kingdom remains open for serious efforts for Arab reconciliation without preconditions.

proving the Arab atmosphere.' said another senior official, noting that "efforts for Arab reconciliation are an ongoing process, started the dust settled in the Gulf crisis.'

meeting would contribute to im-

At the same time, Jordanian analysts are sceptical over the chances of success of any effort at this stage in sealing the Arab

"Arah reconciliation in the true sense hinges greatly on two issues: Iraq's relations with other Arab countries and the Arab-Israeli peace process," said Rad-wan Abdullah, head of the Political Science Department at the University of Jordan.

Dr. Abdullah noted that despite a recent flurry of reports of mediation between Iraq and Egypt, which led the Arab front in the U.S.-headed military coalition which fought Iraq, very little has changed on the ground."

Dr. Abdullah, who says the Arab side would remain at a disadvantage in the Middle East peace process in the absence of a strong united Arah stand, also pointed out that there was little indication from the Gulf states of any desire to coordinate positions and present one Arab voice in negotiations with Israel. "At the moment, there is no

compelling individual reason for any of the Arah countries to settle differences and restore normal relations," he said.

According to Dr. Abdullah, in view of the "polarisation in the Arab World caused by the Gulf a new American design linked to the peace process to bring about economic interaction between the Gnif states and Israel."

"The fertile crescent - which includes Jordan, Syria and Lebanon as well as Iraq — will be key to such interaction," he said. As such, he added, "Jordan will de-

Jordanian women's status is studied at conference By Lima Nabil Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A working paper submitted to a committee preparing for a seminar on Jordanian women revealed that women's participation in the local labour market was modest and does not exceed 11.5 per cent of the total Jordanian workforce.

The paper, submitted by Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz to a meeting, chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, said that the low number of women in tbe nation's labour force is primarily attributable to the lack of serious family support for female members working in the labour market and therefore outside the home.

It said unemployment among able-bodied and willing-to-work females was estimated at 24 per cent of the total unemployed workforce in Jordan. Ministry of Education Secretary General Munther Al Masri presented a working paper which revealed a proximity in figures between male and female school students in the Kingdom.

The paper noted that illiteracy among women stood at 25 per cent for those above 16 years of age and 12 per cent among males. The total number of females in vocational training programmes was estimated at 86,000 com-

of the last school year. But it noted that more than 57 per cent of students at community

pared to 164,000 males at the end

colleges were women. Despite the high rate of school and university students, numerous constraints continue to obstruct the path of women in assuming senior positions in Jordan's social and economic sectors, the paper added.

Attorney Taher Hikmat, who participated in the meeting, presented a working paper on what he termed the "Legislative

Events for

Italian-

speaking

planned

in Jordan next month.

community

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - An Italian professor

at the University of Jordan is

planning cultural functions for

the Italian-speaking community

Emanuele Minardo, who has

been teaching Italian at the uni-

versity since the end of January.

told the Jordan Times that he

planned to contact all those in-

terested in cultural affairs per-

taining to Italy and Jordan

through advertisements in the

local press prior to organising

Professor Minardo said he was

giving special attention to children from the Italian speaking

community as well as Jordanians.

He said he was active in prom-

oting Jordanian-Italian relations

ever since his arrival here for a

three-year teaching term, adding

that in the past week he arranged

for a group of Italian archaeologists from Sicily to visit Jordan,

tour its archaeological sites and

conduct meetings with repre-

sentatives of local concerned in-

Professor Minardo, experi-

enced in literature and linguistics,

said he was involved in the pre-

sentation of the Italian film week

at the Royal Cultural Centre in

The film week, another func-

tion that aims at bolstering

Italian-Jordanian cultural rela-

tions, has become an annual

event of the Italian embassy,

which has recently established a

cultural department, now run by

Amman last month.

Professor Minardo.

stitutions.

lectures and other functions.

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday addresses a seminar on the status of Jordanian women. Participants seen here in the foreground from right to left are Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz, Lower House Deputy and former Prime Minister Taher Al Masri, Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabariti, Minister of Awqui and Islamic Affairs Ibrahim Izzeddine Al Tamimi and Minister of Social Development Amin Awad Mashaqbeh (Petra photn)

Dimension of Women's Involvement in Jordanian Life.'

The Jordanian Constitution is void of any conditions giving privileges to men over women, he noted. According to the Constitution and in compliance with Islamic laws and regulations, women are equal to men in political rights and all basic rights, Mr. Hikmat added.

The paper suggested that a comprehensive study of laws related to women be conducted with a view to introducing amendments that would end the privileges of men over women. Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Kabariti presented a working paper in which be focused on

proposals put forth at the Nairobi Women's Conference of 1985. He said these proposals were considered by the conference to he of paramount importance in forming national strategies on

women's activities.

many countries, they are in practice deprived of them for social considerations and long-standing traditions, he noted.

Addressing the meeting, which plans to pave the ground for a seminar entitle Towards a National Women's Strategy in Jordan," Princess Basma emphasised the need for activating the role of Jordanian women in comprehensive development.

The committee, said the Princess, ought to shed light on women's issues, help spread public awareness about the role of women in society and contribute to the amendment of legislation pertaining to women. What is required from the com-

mittee, she added, is to find ways of putting the final strategy into practice so that the public can see and feel its effects.

Former Prime Minister Taher Al Masri, a number of cabinet members and individuals con-Although women are granted their pointed rights in theory in attended the committee meeting. cerned with women's issues

Thefts account for over 50% of crimes last week

AMMAN (Petra) - The Public climbed through a window which Security Department (PSD) Monday reported that 61 crimes were committed in Jordan be-tween Feb. 27 and Mar. 5, of

which 43 cases were solved.

Three of the four murders accuring during this period, have been solved, the PSD said. The PSD reported 36 rohberies, nine smuggling attempts, four cases of firing weapons, two cases of bodily assault, two attempted suicides and one case of arson.

Amman.

The owner of the house, who had been away for some time, suicide is being treated at Palesreturned to find all her jewellery and cash in the amount of overdose of sedatives. JD1,260 were stolen, the report

It explained that the robber mental disease.

had been left open. The badia and border police force discovered smuggling

attempts including 163 bags of hashish destined for a neighbouring Arab state, the report said. Also intercepted were 8,457

Of the four gunfiring cases, one resulted in the death of an individual in Ajloun, the PSD reported.

Three of the six cars reported According to the report, one of stolen had been retrieved, the the robberies occurred at a home report said, adding that not all

to the police. A woman who attempted

tine Hospital after swallowing an

The report said the woman was believed to be suffering from a

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Invitation To Bid

Date: March 9th, 1993 Loan No: 2841 JO Tender No: (3/G/93)

 The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has received a loan from the World Bank in various currencies towards the cost of the Third Urban Development Project (UDP3) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of goods at BEIT-RASS/IRBID, MARQAB and MANARAH (4)/AMMAN SCHOOLS, (UDP3)

The Housing & Urban Development Corporation now invites sealed bids from bidders whose countries are members of the World Bank, Switzerland, and Taiwan, China for the

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Amman — Jordan Telex No.: 22249 JO Fax No.: 883197 Tel No.: 899361 P.O. Box.: 927198

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All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than (5)% of the bid price, and must be delivered to the Director General / Housing and Urban Development Corporation, P.O. Box (927198) Amman — Jordan on or before 12:00 noon local time, on 21st April, 1993.

Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12:00 noon local time, on 21st April, 93 at the offices of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation — Marka Housing Project — Amman.

AMMAN (J.T.) ··- Science and technology cooperation between the oew programme. The EC said this will now be

The ECU (European currency unit) 4 million project will support a range of special research programmes to be carried out by the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, the Jordan University of Science and Tech-Society (RSS) and coordinated by the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) with Higher Education for Develop-

and technology cooperation between Jordan and the EC. According to the newsletter, Jordan. these first phases built up Jordan's basic scientific and technological capabilities, laying the foundations for the specialised

The Agricultural Department nology and the Royal Scientific at the Jordan University of Science and Technology will study aspects of the genetic improvement of sheep production in Jordan. The programme will build on existing contacts with University College of North Wales in Bangor and with the Jordan Cooperative Organisation's ECsupported Awassi Sheep Project thus ensuring that research results can be used for immediate application by sheep farmers in

Department will concentrate on strengthening its capacity in the science and development of inprojects that will be developed dustrial materials. The common

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITION

* Exhibition of handicrafts by Jordanian artist Dana Ahmad

time and place with the concerned institutions.

Khreis at the Royal Cultural Centre.

objective of all its projects is to improve laboratory facilities so that the graduate programme can be enriched towards the implementation of a masters program-

The project will also enable

Yarmouk to fill the existing gap in its laser spectoscopy facilities. Dr. Mulki believes it is particularly important that the work carried out under the project should be tailored to Jordan's particular needs. "Scientific knowledge," he said, is "available knowledge. What developing countries need to do is to utilise it for the development of their own agriculture and indus-

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Jordan, EC enter new hi-tech cooperation stage

technology cooperation between the European Community (EC) and Jordan has entered a new stage with the signing of the Cooperation Project in Science Technology, said a recent EC Newsletter.

nent Cooperation (HEDCO) of

Ireland, the EC reported.
HCST Secretary General Hani Al Mulki sees the new project as the logical development of the first and second phases of science focused on three main areas of research. The University of Jordan

Faculty of Engineering and Technology. Chemistry Department will carry out chemical and biological investigation of natural products. The department has a research group which is already active in this field and their research capabilities will oow be strengthened.

Yarmouk University's Physics

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Jordanian industrial and trading company is in need of an efficient and experienced Executive Secretary with the following qualifications:

Excellent fluency in writing, reading and speaking

Excellent typing in Arabic and English.

telex applications.

violations of health and safety regulations. The closure orders followed an intensive campaign launched by the department to make sure that all shops selling food stuffs are abiding by bealth

completed within the coming two years.

Football team leaves for Doha AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan's national football team left for Doha, Qatar, Monday to play two friendly matches with the Qatari national team in the qualifying matches for the World Cup.

The national team last week drew at one goal each with the Syrian national team in a match that was held at Irbid's Al Hassan

facsimile system AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Registration and Passports Department and the Ministry of Finance are currently studying the prospect of establishing facsimile links between the department and Jordanian embassies abroad. If the service is approved, the department can serve Jordanian citizens abroad in the shortest

Passport, finance offices study applying

time possible and at minimum costs. irbid pushes campaign to relocate street vendors

IRBID (Petra) - The Irbid municipality is continuing its campaign to prevent vendors from selling their merchandise in the downtown area after the municipality assigned certain areas to them. The sources at the municipality said the campaign aims to preserve the city's cleanliness and reduce traffic jams in the

Anti-Zionist group cables the Pope

AMMAN (J.T.) - The newly formed Society Against Zionism and Racism sent a message to His Holiness Pope John Paul II requesting that joint Vatican Arab committees be set up along the line of the Vatican-Israeli committee to promote relations. The message said Arab-Vatican committees are bound to reduce Israel's pressure on the Vatican.

Ministry supplies food to needy

KARAK (Petra) - The Ministry of Social Development recently distributed food supplies to needy families in the towns of Karak, Deir Allah and Shuneh. A statement said that the ministry planned to distribute more supplies Tuesday to needy families in Bani Hamidah, Dhihan and Bani Kinaneh settlements as part of distribution programmes conducted during the month of Ramadan. So far, 26,000 families received food supplies, said the statement.

200 needy families receive cash aid in Zarqa

ZAROA (Petra) - A voluntary effort has provided cash assistance to some 200 poor families in Zarqa, according to chairman of the Zarqa chapter of the General Unioo of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), Mohammad Daoud Salah. He said the families benefiting from this donation are registered with the National Aid Fund.

"We hope that the Amman finitely have its place in the sun." our desire for better relations.'

there as well.

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Emminate discrimination first

MARKING INTERNATIONAL Women's Day can never be a one-day ceremonial celebration. Jordan is moving slowly in the direction of making the com-Pration of the occasion more meaningful and healing. For this purpose, the Noor Al Hussein Pottedation (NHF) has unveiled for this year's celebrations an ambitious project for the advancement of withten's status in the country in cooperation with the ed Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and offer specialised U.N. agencies. The NHF aims to attain this goal by first enhancing the role and effectiveness of the Jordanian societies and associations concerned with the elevation of the level of wellen's participation in the development of the country and secondly by monitoring progress or the lack of it in this vein.

This effort is most welcome. But it can only be effective if pursued within the context of the overall situation of women and their quest for equality and equal opportunities in development and governmental positions. There is no way that Jordan can succeed in the promotion and protection of women's rights as long as the central issue of their equality with men is not considered first and dealt with in earnest, Jordanimit girls, mothers and professional women cannot aspire to realise their search for equality as long as Jordanian laws, current and proposed, still entertain and contemplate the perpetuation of inequality betweek the sexes.

Maring last year's session of the Human Rights Committee (HRC), charged with the application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the 18-member tribunal established that Jordanian legislation and practices violate the relevant provisions of the covenant that proscribe discrimination on the basis of sex. It is the right time now as Jordan is countenemorating International Women's Day to ask the government about what it intends to do with the findings of HRC on this issue.

The most fitting way for Jordan to celebrate the

marking of the day is to formulate and declare a policy statement on the subject explaining how it plans to homeur its treaty obligations under the covenant

especially in the field of women's rights.

Fordan is due to submit a new report to the HRC on properess achieved in this vein this year. Instead of rebashing old sterile submissions that all is fine when it courses to women's rights, it behooves the concerned authorities to introduce the necessary amendments to the existing laws with the aim of climinating all tingering discrimination against women.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL WA'I Arabic daily Monday said that the Israeli terrorist campaign against the Palestionians in the Gaza Strip will not deter the freedom-seekers who are determined to pursue their struggle for liberating their usurped lands. Indeed, the ongoing campaign is bound to give further impetus to the Arab population to counter Israel's terrorist attacks and pay them in their own coin. said the paper. The Gaza Strip has proved that it constitutes a strong and solid rock on which all Israel's conspiracies are being dashed, the paper added. It said the Israelis ought to have learnt from past experiences with the Arabs that they cannot go on itting atrocities without facing retaliation and ought to have realised that the Jewish state's criminal actions can by no means impose capitulation on the local inhabitants, the paper continued. Needless to say, the easiest and more direct way to end the violence and counter violence in the occupied Arab lands lies in the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and exchange land for peace with Arab people who yearn for genuine and lasting peace, said the daily. What is required from the israelis now is total ahidance by the Geneva conventions and safeguarding the human rights of the civilian population, said the paper. The paper said that it is clear to the world community that the Palestinians have chosen the path of struggle to liberate their homeland and there is no doubt that the oppressed peoples determination to attain their objective is bound to intensify and increase until the occupied territories are liberated.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Monday tackled the status of women in Jordan on the anniversary of the International Women's Day, saying that this year the anniversary finds Jordanian women in disarray, unable to unite for a specific cause. While the country is moving towards political pluralism and democracy, one can hear voices here and there demanding that women tay at home and be prevented from going out to work, said Menammad Kharroub. The writer claimed that Jordanian womer. We doing nothing to fight this trend neither are they united in their drive to play a leading role in political, social or corre no affairs and in coming to the help of women in rural rucion and badia. This anniversary finds the General Union of fordamen Women dissolved and its members failing to unite their efforts for a specific cause due to numerous factors, mainly the hegemony and greed of men, said the writer. It is boped that this anniversary will give some impetus to women's union leaders to talle steps intended to change this pitiable situation and involve Jordanian women in endeavours aimed at contributing towards the country's development, the writer said. The writer advised remen to transcend side differences over leadership and other matter, and work together in concert to attain the aspired end.

By Fred Halliday

OVER A YEAR after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the foreign policy of the new Russian Federation is still in a state of uncertainty. One reason for this is the political and constitutional cri-

independent role.

But the most important reason for the uncertainty of Russian policy, especially on Iraq and Serforeign policy is that a new force, bia, has therefore touched a deep public opinion, bas now come into chord in Russian politics. Few in play. While it will be many years Russia may admire Iraqi Presiyet before a democratic process is dent Saddam Hussein. But Iraq is consolidated in Russia, strong regarded as one of those old popular emotions bave emerged friends of the USSR whom the in the past year which limit what new Western-oriented foreign the government can do. One ob-vious example is the question of Gulf war itself the Soviet defence the four islands claimed by Japan: ministry tried, on at least one while it would be in Russia's occasion, to send arms to Iraq but interest to hand back at least two was stopped by the U.S. Navy. of these, popular sentiment now In this respect, policy on Iraq is militates against any such conces- conditioned to some extent be-

Russia's foreign policy

New uncertainties

sis within the Russian government nationalist feeling runs high is the feeling is strong, given the historic a set of arguments: that more than itself—no one is sure if President acceptance of U.N. sanctions links between the two Orthodox any other country, even Germany Boris Yeltsin can act as an Ameragainst Libya, Iraq and Serbia. In ican or French president and dictum the middle of December Pravda. tate foreign policy himself, or if still the organ of Communist the assertive parliament, with its sentiment, put on its front page a Communist and nationalist ele- short table claiming that Russia's ments, will be able to decide acceptance of these sanctions bad

policy.

Another reason is that the foreign ministry itself is trying to clear; if Russia abandoned a forepursue one line, based on coopign policy based on supporting the eration with the U.S., while other U.S., by which it hoped to get ministries, such as those conmoney from the West for this cerned with military matters, want compliance, then it would not the new Russia to play a more need Western money in the first

cause of the similar position Ser-

Another issue on which bia finds itself in. Here Russian perts and academics will rehearse

links between the two Orthodox any other country, even Germany Christian countries. Russia went or Japan, Turkey has been the to war in 1914 in support of Serbia "bistoric" enemy of Russia for against Turkey, Austria and Gerover 600 years, including the cenmany, and reportedly hundreds of tury and a half of Tatar domina-Russian volunteers are fighting on tion; that Turkey is now trying to the Serbian side now. Some Rus- steal the former Soviet republics sian nationalist groups are re- of Transcaucasia and Central Asia

"(Russia's) policy towards the Middle East as a whole is now less of a priority than it once was. Commercial considerations prevail."

ported to have sent members to away from Russia; that the Rus-Serbia to gain combat experience, in case of future conflict in Russia

Solidarity with Serbia is fuelled itself by what has now become one of the main themes in Russian popular sentiment about the outside world, namely a revived hostility to a perceived "Islamic threat" in general and to Turkey in particular.

Even some foreign policy ex-

sian market is being swamped with shoddy Turkish consumer goods; that Russian women are flocking to Turkey to work as prostitutes; that Turkish policy is working towards an eventual break-np of the Russian federa-tion itself, by encouraging separatism in the antonomous republics Tatarstan and Bashkiria.

According to this line of thought, Bosnia is merely a client of Turkey, and a means by which

Turkey can regain control in the willing to sell arms, for cash. It Balkans, which it lost as a result of has sold substantial quantities of

ween 1870 and 1914. The implications of this rise of

In broad terms, it means that it tration in Washington the talks will be comparatively more diffi- will receive a new impetus.

part of the Russian Federation itself, then it will play an indepenthere are several inter-ethnic dent role in the Middle East. wars, and one region, the Chechen republic, has declared itself independent. Its dictatorial take. self-styled president. Jokhar Dudaev, who some compare with Saddam Hussein, has appealed dan (where there is a small don School of Economics. The

considerations prevail. Russia is looking for business partners, for investment in Russia itself, and is

a series of wars with Russia be- weapons, including submarines In the Arab-Israeli context, nationalist feeling against Turkey Moscow is committed to playing and the U.S. for the rest of its co-chairmanship role, albeit in Russian foreign policy are as yet a most junior fashion, and is

encouraging further secession

Policy towards the Middle East

as a whole is now less of a priority

than it once was. Commercial

cult for the pro-Western foreign In the longer run, however. minister, Andrei Kozyrev, to pur-much will depend on how quickly sue his policy. The main focus of and effectively Russia can reconthe foreign ministry now is not on stitute itself as a major, internaremoter issues at all, but on what tionally effective power. If the is called in Russian the "near Russian Federation undergoes is called in Russian the "near Russian Federation undergoes abroad", the former republics of greater crisis, perhaps even civil the USSR where Moscow expects war as some fear, this will have to maintain a dominant influence one particularly difficult area of the "near abroad" is the Caucasus: on the side which is still over five or ten years, reorganise

The writer is professor of international relations at the Lon-Chechen minority) and many article appeared in Middle Russians fear that the Turks are East International.

The end of history?

By Pascal B. Karmy

a former deputy director of the and implemented in the most U.S. State Department's Policy advanced countries, and that Planning Staff, He is currently a resident consultant at the Rand Corporation in Washington D.C. As bis name indicates, he is an American of Japanese origin.

He first published an essay in the magazine National Interest in 1989, entitled, "the End of His- Jena as witnessed in the two tory." But what did he mean by "the end of bistory?" As I nnderstand Mr.

Fukuyama, be means, in shott, that the triumph of capitalism and democracy in the West bas ended the political conflict in the world. Then he went on to delineate the end state of the human social

evolution. It is not necessary here to refer to what he calls the logic of modern science and the strug-gle for recognition, both of which he considers as the two powerful What should be of interest to us is his thesis on "the End of History" because of the attainment of democracy and liberalism in the

Capitalism and democracy do not necessarily co-exist. As Mr. Fukuyama himself points out, "there are many historical and contemporary examples of technologically advanced capitalism co-existing with pobtical authoritarianism from Meiji Japan and Rismarckian Germany to present day Singapore and Thailand."

In many cases, he adds, "authoritarian states are capable of almost disappeared. producing rates of economic growth unachievable in democra- tory of democracy and liberalism tic societies." He admits there- and this is the end of history, as fore that "our first effort to estab- Mr. Fukuyama sees it. Democralish the basis for a directional cy and liberalism came out victohistory is thus only partially successful.

The successive events which took place in the Soviet Union and in the Eastern European countries in the last months of 1989 have, however, given new dimensions to the thesis of Mr. Fukuyama, which he fully explained in his book "The End of

History and the Last Man." has been inspired by the opinions But these problems are not and ideas expounded in the 1930s obviously insoluble on the basis by the French-Russian philo- of liberal principles, nor so sesopher Alexandre Kojève who rious that they would necessarily taught a highly influential series lead to the collapse of society as a of seminars at Paris's École Prati- whole, as Communism imploded que des Hautes Études in the in the 1980s.

century, especially of his book "The Phenomenology of the Mind." In this book, Hegel considered the victory of Napoleon intellectuals. Bonaparte in 1806 in the Battle of Jena — when the latter's army cracy and liberalism have procrushed the Prussian army - as the end of history.

would be an end of events arising there are still many countries in out of births, deaths and social interactions of humankind, or er liberal nor democratic, it is that there would be a cap on hoped that the Arab peoples will factual knowledge about the continue to struggle for the world. Mr. Fukuyama says that attainment of those two noble when Hegel declared that history objectives. had ended after the Battle of Jena in 1806, he was obviously not and have his voice heard as it is making the claim that the fiberal an inherent part of human nature. state was victorious throughout One can only fulfil those two desires the world; its victory was not through genuine liberalism and even certain in his little corner of democracy. Germany at the time.

MR. FRANCIS FUKUYAMA is uberal state had been discovered there were no alternative principles or forms of social and political organisation that were superior to liberalism. Mr. Fukuyama adds that the

bloody conflict between liberty and despotism continued after world wars resulting in the victory of the liberal states. Communism appeared after World War II but, according to Mr. Fukuyama, it did not represent a higher stage than liberal democracy but was a part of the same stage of bistory that would eventually universalthe spread of liberty and equality to all parts of the world.

Though Bolsbevic and Chinese revolutions scemed like monumental events at the time, their only lasting effect would be to spread the already established principles of liberty and equality to formerly backward and oppressed peoples and to force those countries of the developed world already living in accordance with such principles to implement them more completely."

For almost two centuries since Hegel's proposition of the end of history, democracy and liberalism continued to spread slowly but surely in many parts of the world.
According to Mr. Fukuyama, the revolutions and conflicts which took place in favour of ideas or principles on Communism or on Fascism bave subsided and

Now we witness a complete vicrious because they concentrate on the spiritual side of humankind more than on any other factors or movements. This spirituality gives to humankind its proper dignity, respect and prestige.

There is no doubt. Mr.

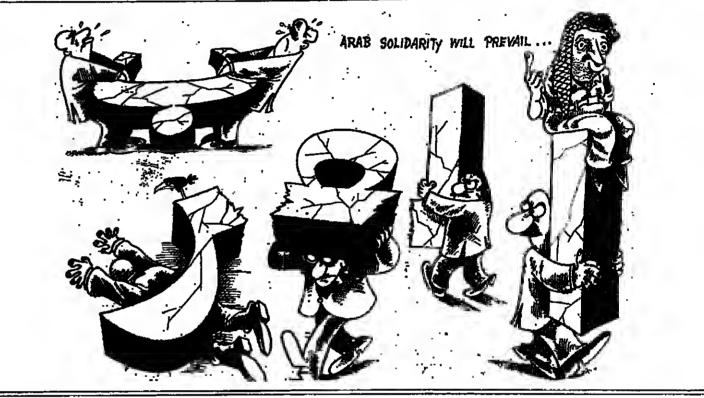
Fukuyama asserts, "that contemporary democracies face any number of serious problems, from drugs, homelessness, and crime to environmental damage It seems that Mr. Fukuyama and the frivolity of consumerism.

Of course we may not agree Mr. Kojeve was the greatest interpreter of Hegel in the 20th century especially of his book contains many truths and incontrovenible facts. It is a thought provoking explanation which deintellectuals.

There is no doubt that demovoked and still provoke many arguments and discussions, espe-This did not mean that there cially in the Arab World. While the Third World which are neith-

Every person loves to be free

What he was saying was that the principles of liberty and writer who occasionally conequality underlying the modern tributes to the Jordan Times.



Pleasant promises

By Leslie H. Gelb

ISRAELI DIPLOMATS told the new and untested American secretary of state to expect some kind of pleasant surprise in Damascus two weeks ago. President Hafez Al Assad, ever the strategist, did not disappoint.

He gave Warren Christopher a secret diplomatic gift that could lead to a redrawing of Middle Eastern battle lines and has already caused the United States, Syria and Israel to revamp negotiating priorities.

The Syrian strongman told the chief U.S. diplomat that he was ready for a major deal with Israel. He repeated public statements about trading "total peace" with Israel for "total withdrawal" by Israel from Syria's Golan Heights. Then he unwrapped his dramatic present: He would no longer insist on instant or even early Israeli withdrawal. He would agree to both sides carrying out their obligations

This was precisely the magic word Yitzhak Rahin had heen looking for. The Israeli prime minister had signalled his desire to exchange land for peace, but the security risk had to be manageable. Israel could not and Israel.

would not take the chance of withdrawing from the Golan until Syria actually demonstrated peaceful intentions, and that would have to take time. Israel would feel safe only if it could bring its forces down from the

heights gradually.

The sides still have to define "gradually." More important, they have to agree on the meaning of "total withdrawal" and "total peace." Israel is prepared for a near-total pullout, not a total one. Syria wants everything out, including Israel's civilian settlements.

Mr. Assad's diplo-blitz surprised the Christopher party. They had expected him to wait longer before making any big moves, in order to assess President Bill Clinton's mettle. But the Syrian's agreeableness on the Golan convinced the Americans that he had even larger purposes in mind.

The subtext in the Assad-Christopher dialogue was that Damascus wants to establish, a new relationship with Washington and felt that this was the right time to move. Mr. Assad knows that the only way to the American heart is through peace with

Given the prime minister's intreaty with Syria, the Americans lighted - and try to sidetrack the autonomy talks with the Palesti-

If anything, however, Mr. Christopher ended up more frustrated with the Palestinians than Mr. Rabin was. In his meeting with Palestinian leaders he showed great impatience with their inability to make any decisions.

They only wanted to talk about the return of their brethren deported by Israel and stranded in a Lebanese no-man's-land. Israel had already gone far to meet those concerns, but they kept demanding concessions that they knew Israel could not and would not give. Finally, Mr. Christopher offered a generous solution including U.S. pledges 10 speed up the deportees return. oppose future deportations and support various United Nations

Mr. Rabin was, of course, de-lighted with Mr. Christopher's that the key parties agreed to report of Syrian gradualism. switch negotiating priorities. They are now readying the fast tense personal commitment to a track for a Syrian-Israeli deal and have relegated the tedious but feared that he might be too de- still critical talks on Palestinian autonomy to a slower lane.

Arabs and Israelis alike praised Mr. Christopher's first outing on terrain that has proved either a graveyard or a springboard for his recent predecessors. He gave away nothing to the Syrians, was tough with the Palestinians and prodded the Israelis.

His only tactical mistake was a failure to pay enough attention to Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, whose power now rivals or exceeds Mr. Rabin's in the governing Labour Party and whose ideas on regional issues like economic development and arms control deserve a better hearing.

Mr. Christopher has begun to reveal a wily negotiating and public relations style. Taking a page from Henry Kissinger's script on how to lower expectations, he resolutions prized by the Palesti-that he was going out there only started his Mideast trip saying nians — and told them to take it to listen. He brought home the The immediate upshot of the Possibility of much more. — New York Times

LETTERS

A gloomy bus ride

To the Editor,

I SOMETIMES use buses between Amman and Jerash. When I am forced to use them in rush hours, I feel gloomy because I am always involved in the anarchy at either Jerash or Abdali.

When a bus appears, young men rush to it before it stops. As soon as the door opens, they get on the bas pushing others aside, before the disembarking passengers have had a chance to get off.

Consequently, it is only young men who take the available seats. The elderly and women, on the other hand, are watching aside this jostle, as if they gave up getting on the bus from the start. At last it takes more than one hour for them as well as for me to find a free seat. Is this a normal situation?

Such a mess can be seen only in buses between Amman and Jerash, while the passengers to other directions, such as Irbid and Sweileh, are waiting in line for their buses.

> Hisahiko Wada Jerash



Hand in hand

To the Editor,

SEX SEGREGATION in our schools was one of the last amendments to be introduced by some of our respected deputies in Parliament. 1 think that these deputies are making it sound as if they have solved or discussed all our other problems and so they started with this issue, which does not concern a good percentage of our people. They have even forgotten that we are living in the 20th

In Jordan, we cried for so long for democracy, human rights and more freedom. And now that we have achieved everything we cried for and more, our respected deputies are trying to come up with a new education law to force us to send our sons and danghters to the schools the deputies think are appropriate. I believe that it is the right of the parents to decide which schools

I was very impressed with the ideas of Deputy Faris Al Nabulsi, especially when he said that the best means to prevent children from going astray is to arm them with sound culture and proper education. Yes, we should educate them and teach them how to deal and respect each other, not separate them and scare them from each other. Finally, I believe that we, men and women, need to go hand in hand to create a second to the seco to go hand in hand to create a new society that is able to face the

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Suspect assures family of innocence

jihi examination," she said.

Mohammad's parents said they

believed their soo was not cap-

able of committing the crime

which they condemned as an act

that goes against the teachings of

Islam and burts innocent people.

Amin Salameb, who left the

est Bank village of Bediah near

Nablus in October 1967, one

month after Mohammad was

born, in search of a job, said be

had faith in the American indicial

U.S. is truly a democratic coun-

try," be said.
"The U.S. is the mother of democracies," Mobammad's mother said, adding that when

the truth is found her son would

organisation's support for (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein."

Since then, British contacts

The spokesman declined to ex-

with the PLO were confided to

the British ambassador io Tunis.

plain why London was amending

its policy. "Here in London, we

keep our policies onder constant

tus of the PLO office in London

would remain unchanged despite

recognise the PLO office in Lon-

don as an embassy. But it does

consider the PLO as the repre-

sentative of the Palestinian peo-

ple, and the British ambassador

met with Mr. Arafat, according

Tunis believed the timing of the

British move "was aimed at

appeasing the Palestinians, and

signals a European intention to

play a more active and direct role

in the Middle East peace process

with the approval of the United

PLO will open a crack for Lon-

don through which it can play a

vital role in the Middle East;

British interests are involved

The expected British move fol-

lowed a Belgian decision last

week to upgrade the status of the

PLO mission in Brussles in what

was seen as part of European

Community (EC) steps to im-

prove ties with the PLO and

assume a bigher-profile role in

"We expect a flurry of activi-ties by the EC soon after the

meetings in London, signalling an

American approval of a more

active European role in the peace

process," a senior Palestinian official said.

"troika" - representing the pre-

sent and immediate past and fu-

ture presidencies of the commis-

sion - was expected to visit

Washington next week in a bid to

explore the possibilities of the

community expanding its role in

The official said an EC

"A formal relationship with the

to PLO sources.

here," be said.

the peace process

Tonis has on many occasions

A senior Palestinian official in

the upgrading of contacts.

It was understood that the sta-

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and JD 5 on buying presents to his six sisters and four brothers. Amin Salameh said his son was religious but not a fundamentalist who used to pray mostly at home and advocated a moderate tolerant interpretation of Islam.

He said Mohammad became more religious after entering university, but did not join any political group or fundamental organisations.

Mohammad's mother said she son contacted his family by phone between Jan. 20-25 and there was nothing unusual in the conversa-

tion.
"We spoke about him getting matried and he asked about his sister's performance in ber Taw-

Palestinian shot dead in Gaza

gave me a truck, I would leave today." Mr. Ukra, 23, told Israel army radio. "We're talking about fear, about belplessness, about

Zvi Hendel, who heads the Jewish settlements' council, said the government should be ruthless in restoriog order to the strip. He told Israel army radio the army should "kill all the wanted meo and deport all inciters once

Col. Y, the army commander in the southern sector fo the strip and whose name cannot be used ooder military regulations, warned there were no immediate

the killing. Gaza's security problems have meant that Jewisb settlement there remaios minimial despite

Likud Party. Unlike the occupied West Bank, where government housing subsidies and other benefits brought 129,000 Jewish settlers to live among one million Palesti-

The recewed violence has prompted some officials, led by Health Minister Haim Ramon, to push for Israel to announce it would simply pull out of the strip

near future. But Housing Minister Ben-jamio Den Ehezer warned Monday that a hasty departure without first improving the economy would create maybem. He said

have in our backs the largest terror base in the Middle East," Mr. Den Eliezer told Israel Radio.

The week-long closure had provoked much anger in the impoverished strip where few jobs are available. About half of Gaza's labour force of about 100,000 people works in Israel, mostly in menial jobs.

On Monday, about 30,000 Gazans left for jobs in Israel. Heightened security checks at the Erez checkpoint created long

Palestinians in isolated clashes, Arab bospital sources said.

for a crackdown in the strip. Tuesday after a knife-wielding Gazan killed two Israelis and

"I propose closing the strip for weapons, all the terrorists, killing

Wheo six Israeli soldiers were killed in a week last December. Mr. Rahin expelled 415 Palestinians to Lebanon Accusing the exiles of links to militant groups

Bnt Arab-Israeli violence has surged since the Dec. 17 expulsion. Jews have killed at least 52 Arabs and Arabs have killed

Hours after Israel closed the strip last Tuesday, Arabs stoned and shot dead an Israeli gas company worker who strayed into

No cars in German cities? testing a technology which will be record radio traffic bulletins and

cars and trucks.

want it or not.'

and Munich.

companies such as Siemens and

spending some 60 million marks

(\$36.50 million) each for the first

stage of their projects in Stuttgart

based on latest traffic data.

Private car ownership in West-

ern Germany has risen six-fold to

31 million during the last 30

vears, hut road networks, exclud-

ing motorways, have expanded

but there is less and less space for

Traffic is increasing inexorable

by only about 40 per cent.

By Nao Nakanishi Reuter

STUTTGART, Germany - Car makers wanting to banish cars from cities may appear to be killing off their own industry, but Daimler-Benz, BMW and Volkswagen are convinced their future depends on ending orban traffic

The three German car giants are investing heavily in the development of computerised traffic management systems.

Trial projects due to start soon in three German cities are aimed at making it more costly and time consuming to use private cars while dramatically improving public transport. Cars will increasingly be excluded from city

Stuttgart, home to Germany's largest industrial group Daimler, last month became the first city in the world to give the go-ahead for a trial of a comprehensive traffic system developed by a Daimler led consortium.

"In Germany, in Europe and elsewhere in the world, we will only be able to bring traffic under control with traffic management systems," said Hartmut Weule, a Daimler management board member.

"With our STORM (Stuttgart Transport Operation by Regional Management) project, we are

in demand internationally tomorrow," he told journalists.

Bayerische Motoreriwerke (BMW) is working with other firms, railways and city muthormise waiting times. ities in Munich to develop a similar project and Volkswingen is transport priority over private

doing the same in Hanover. The core of traffic management will be a computer system which collects, processes and distributes all current traffic data available on the flow of vehiclesinto a city.

When the systems are in place, electronic signposts will activise drivers of the quickest routes and warn about hazards such as ice, road works and accidents.

If traffic is congested, the signs will tell drivers how long it is likely to take them to drive linto town while simultaneously listing faster public transport alterna-

Displays will include timetables for the nearest huses, trams or trains and the location of nearby car parks.

Suburban park-and-ride cen-tres will be improved so people can leave their cars and walk 10 railway stations or bus stops without having to brave rain and bad weather. Parking fees will increase the closer the car park is to the city centre.

One possibility being examined is to programme cassette-radios in cars so that they automatically

new roads to alleviate the conge alert drivers to them.

Trains, trams and buses will The problem is particular acute in Eastern Germany whe run more frequently and timetables will be coordinated to mini-

the number of cars surged aft unification in 1990, far exceedi the pace of new road constru Traffic lights will give public BMW Management Boa

Chairman Eberhard von Kue "We can create such a system today with existing computer nheim says that in response to t technology," Cbristoph Huss, director of BMW's street traffic growing congestion car make must learn to think in terms

transport systems. and safety division, told Reuters. "The car industry cannot co The question is only whether we centrate on one form of trar Together with local authorities. port," he said. "It must thi: beyond its own product." radio stations and electronics

The car makers are also neg Bosch, Daimler and BMW arc niaring with major departme stores to create home delive systems as an additional incenti for people to switch to pub transport.

At a later stage, information In April, Daimler will start installing computer operated systems could be expanded street signposts to enable people in Stuttgart to choose transport enable drivers to retrieve da through computers or broadca ing systems in their cars.

"For a few thousand mark you will be able to also buy computer with a card containing road map of the whole of Gi many. If will communicate wi the information centre and devi a strategy for avoiding traf jams," said BMW's Huss.

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Key facilities in the city remain on alert following the blast. Part of the port authority bus terminal in Manbattan, used daily by thousands of commuters from During Sunday's raid, agents The two Arab-Americans who were seen carting away cardboard Working with magic markers is a major plus. boxes, a large gray suitcase, two rolled up carpets and a rifle bag. Investigators also were looking into Mr. Salameh's links to Al New Jersey, was closed for 90 minntes on Monday morning to investigate a suspicious package. This is a challenging position for career oriented If you have these qualifications and you would like If you feel that you can do the job, please send to earn some extra money, please send your C.V. Nothing was found.
The FBI said it searched an Sayyid Nosair, who was acquitted of murdering radical Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1990. by fax to 602014. your C.V. by fax to 602014 apartment in Jersey city, N.J., on

Britain upgrades PLO contacts cut off during the Gulf crisis — on Sept. 2, 1990, — as a result of the

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over the six-points." Contacts will cootioue until the Israeli position falls in line with the six points," he said. Our emphasis is on achieving an Israeli commitment that it will not expel Palestinians in the future, and that it will set a timetahle for the phased return of

expellees in line with U.N. Security Council Resolution 799." Mr. Husseini said he believed it would be very difficult for Arabs to resume peace talks with Israel if the Palestinian demands were

not met by the Jewish state. Mr. Safyeb, the PLO representative in London, said Tuesday's meetiog in London would focus on the peace process and means of solving the problem of the Palestinian evictees.

He said the meeting - considered a "breakthrough" hy Palestinians — and the British move to upgrade contacts were aimed at helping the PLO to arrive at a decision to resume the

peace talks. Mr. Safveh, in a telephone interview with the Jordan Times from London, said the meeting was highly significant since it 'reflects the British government's recognition of the unity of the Palestinian people both inside the occupied territories and io the

"Israel and some Western countries expect the PLO to remain moderate, to continue its moderating influence, and to accept being marginalised at the same time," Mr. Safyeh said. "It is too much to ask from the

There was no official confirmation of the British move a Foreign Office spokesman contacted by the Jordan Times said official engagements were usually announced on the same day.

the British step a signal of a more active future European role in the Middle East peace process. 'It is not a new political decision. It is simply the resumption of an old British policy. Howev-

er, it has political significance

Palestinian sources considered

considering the timiog of the move," a PLO source said. A spokesman at the British Foreign Office in London, insisting oo anonymity, said "ministerial contacts with the PLO were

the efforts for Arab-Israeli peace. Arab-American held after questioning

(Continued from page 1) Boulos said he has not been permitted to meet with Mr. Hamdan, but boped to see his client

itially reported to be from Chica-go because his U.S. passport was issued there, the laywer said. U.S. Consular Officer Donna Sherman confirmed the arrest of an American, but cited privacy

laws in refusing to give his name.

Tuesday. Mr. Hamdan was in-

Mrs. Sherman said the U.S. consulate was informed of the detention by Israel on March 1 and visited the man last Thursday.

remain jailed are Mohammad Salah, 39, and Mohammad Jarad, 36, both of the Chicago area. They were arrested Jan. 25 and have been ordered held by military judges while accusations against them are investigated.

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trembling."

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"This is not an ideological issue, but a long term struggle," be told reporters at the scene of

years of support from previous hawkish governments led by the

nians, there are less than 5,000 Jews living among Gaza's 800,000

The British government does not recognise the State of Palestine declared by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in 1988; it does not it seized in the 1967 war in the

Israelis had to insure "we don't

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construction workers Suoday

shored up the basement levels of

the massive twin-tower complex,

the second highest in the world,

of New York and New Jersey,

which runs the complex, said they plan to reach the "Ground Zero"

explosion site this week where

they hope to find more evidence

The bomb was detonated on

Feb. 26 on a ramp leading to a

parking garage below ground,

and workers have had to brace

the structure of the building in

order to allow investigators to

Specially trained dogs con-

tinued to search for a missing

worker, believed to have been

Iran, in a Tehran Radio com-

mentary on Sunday, accused

Israel's Mossad of playing a role

in the bombing in an effort to

The telephone number Mr.

Salameh gave to the van rental

agency belonged to Josie Hadas,

a woman whose age, ethnic back-ground and nationality have not

FBI officials would not com-

ment on whether Hadas was an

Israeli or had any links to Israell

intelligence. The agency has dis-

closed almost oothing about Hadas since Mr. Salameh's

beeo disclosed by authorities.

of the bombing.

reach the area.

killed in the blast.

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Officials for the port authority

In separate incidents in the strip, troops shot and wounded 13

Leaders of Gaza settlers called Israel sealed off the area last wounded eight in Tel Aviv.

a week, two weeks, going house to house to find all owners of the wanted ones, expelling all the inciters immediately and forever," said settler leader Zvi Hen-

and defying world criticism, Mr. Rabin said he had to take drastic

eight Jews.

Khan Younis refugee camp.

Sunday but denied a published

report that someone had been

The apartment belonged to a

suspect in the trade centre bomb-

ing who moved out two or three

months ago, the Jersey Journal of

Jersey City reported Monday,

quoting sources it did not iden-

an investigator on Monday as

sayiog an earlier raid at another

apartment in Jersey City turned

up three small metal alarm

clocks, which coold be used as

More than a week after the

Feh. 26 explosioo, the question

who bombed the World Trade

Centre?" was still largely un-

answered. The search for answers

parking garage killed at least five

people, injured more than 1,000

and shut down the world's

Two dogs sniffing through the

rubble Sunday turned up no trace

of a building employee still listed

Monday that a man currently

living in the apartment raided

Sunday was taken into custody. But FBI spoksman Joseph Vali-

quette said Monday the man was

never in custody or under arrest

and there were no charges against

him. He said anyone in the apart-

ment woold have been asked to

leave doring the search.

The Jersey Journal reported

The blast in an underground

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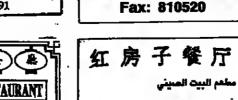
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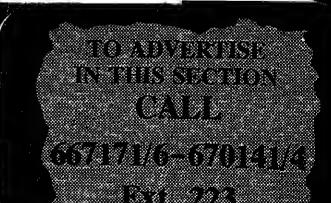
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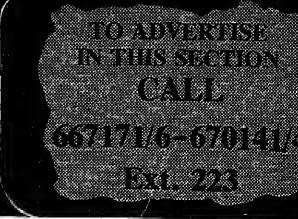
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Courier wins third 1993 title

PIAN WELLS (R) — Top-I Jim Courier soildified his on the world number one ing with a solid straight sets over 14th-seeded South Afri-Wayne Ferreira at the \$1.4 ion Champions Cup tennis

mameni Sunday. I'm off to a great start this "," said Courier, who pieked his third title of the young iis season and \$235,000 for a 6-3, 6-1 victory in the twor. best-of-five sets final.

he baby-faced 17th-ranked reira earned \$123,000 for thing the final of the hard rt tournament that featured it of the top 10 players in the

he victory extended Courier's l over second-ranked fellow erican Pete Sampras to 675 its on the ATP rankings comer — his biggest lead ever as

ourier, who has a 17-1 match ord in 1993, dedicated the ory to Father Joseph Dispenhis mental guru and sports chologist who died earlier this

I got the job done. I didn't him too many points. If I can ke the guy earn his points on serve, it will be a long afteron for him, and it was for ,ne, overall, it was a solid chi," Courier said. erreira, playing in his first

3 final, was not especially appointed by the loss. We as players know why he's ked number one and he deves to be there. He really nes through in the big match-Ferreira said.

Graf wins 70 title

DELRAY BEACH, Florida

rting won 2-0 (AFP) photo)

al Madrid lost one player

iece Sunday but registered

as wins in their duel for Span-

Barcelona beat lowly Albacete

rand Real triumphed 2-1 at

inth-placed Valencia to remain

Deportivo Coruna, in front for

weeks until Real Madrid seczed past last weekend, man-

ed only a 2-2 home draw with

acrife and now trail the leading

Basque striker Aitor Beguiris-

n struck both Barcelona's

als, the first from a pass by Jose

quero in the ninth minute and

second in the 24th via a long

s from defender Ronald Koe-

n, back after a four-match

nan Goicocchea was sent off

minutes from time after a

ond booking for violent play.

Real Madrid, missing five regu-

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or 10s and 9s, we cannot stress too

lighly the importance of those cards

a the play. This hand, from a rub-

er-bridge game at the Regency Vhist Chib in New York, graphical-

We see no reason to open an off-

hape no trump with the East cards,

pecially since the hand completely

illustrates our point.

League supremacy.

kilocked at the top.

r by one point.

pension.

ge Cadete (right) of Sporting Lisbon scores the first goal for his

and during the Portuguese Premier League match against Farense.

arcelona, Real Madrid

ADRID (R) - Barcelona and Lirs, won at Valencia for the first

time in six years.

with cards.

Tenerife were two down but

stole a point from Deportivo in

the closing moments of a game that had been liberally sprittkled

A rcd went to Tenerife's depu-

ty coach Angel Cappa for a first

half protest then Deportivo's

Antonio Doncel received the

same treatment for a second

Deportivo's goals came from Javier Fran and Brazilian striker

Jose Bebeto, the season's top scorer with 21 goals.

Milan squeaks by Fiorentina

Dejan Savicevic scored twice to

pace AC Milan to a 2-0 victory

over Fiorentina Sunday, extend-

ing the red and blake's Italian

first division unbeaten streak to

57 and dropping the Fiorentines to just above the relegation zone.

lacked fillers. South's two clubs was a major-suit take-out, and North expressed no preference by passing

West's double. No one can blame West for electing to double at this

vulnerability. West led a low club and declarer

West led a low club and declarer ruffed East's jack. A low heart to the queen fetched the ace, and East shifted to king of spades, taken by the ace. When the king of hearts dropped the jack, the heart suit was established and declarer was in the driver's anot

Prepared to lose two trump tricks and two diamonds, in addition to the ace of hearts, declarer simply

continued hearts from hand. Dum-

my's ten of trumps was a killer. West elected to waste a high trump

to ruff the third heart, and when the

defender cashed the other trump

winner to prevent a possible ruff, declarer was able to draw the last trump and lead a diamond to the

Shift the ten of spades to West or

the nine of hearts to East and de-

clarer will have a difficult time of it.

Although declarer can ruff a heart in dumrny, there is no way to return to the South hand without fatally

king to collect an overtrick:

weakering declarer's trumps.

driver's seat.

booking in the 5th minute.

remain at top

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SPOT ON

champion Steffi Graf captured her 70th career title Sunday with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over secondseeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario at the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Florida tennis ournament.

The second-ranked German, four-time winner of this event. tried to play down the significance of her mounting number of nitles, but then admitted she was impressed and added with a "one hundred sounds

"I don't know about these things, but then when I'm told, it's amazing," said the Wimbledon champion, who earned \$75,000 for Sunday's win.

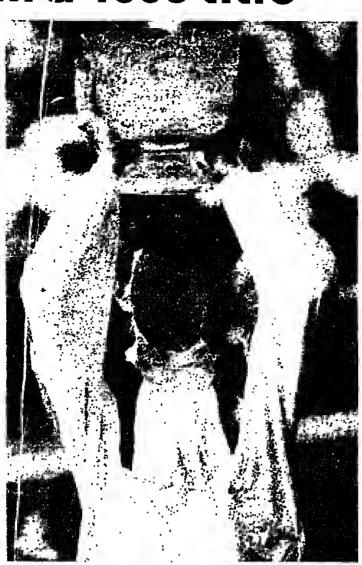
"It's a pretty important win for me, especially with Lipton coming up (next week)," said Graf, after the one hour, 19 minute final. "It's good to go into a big event like Lipton with a win." Fourth-ranked Sanchez, who

earned \$30,000 as runner-up, pulled her left hamstring muscle at 2-2 in the first set. The injury somewhat hampered her court speed and mobility, her greatest

Late in the second set the Spaniard finally called for the trainer, who taped up her leg. But Sanchez refused to blame ber loss on the injury.

"It's been great going to the final because it gave me a lot of confidence," she said, "Even though I was a little injured, I played well. The injury is not an excuse to lose because she played

a good match." Graf now holds a commanding 18-3 edge in career meetings with the Spaniard, whom she also beat this year in the Australian Open



Siteffi Graf of Germany raises her trophy in victory at the Virginia Slims of Florida, where she beat Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-4, (5-3 in the finals (AFP photo)

Johnson retires from track

TORONTO (R) — Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, suspended for life Friday after a second failed drug test, announced Sunday be was retiring and would not

appeal the ruling.

Announcing his retirement,
Johnson said in a statement: "I have had a long career in track. I experienced success and failure. I said after the Seoul Olympics that I would come back and compete clean. I know that 1 did."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation announced in Paris Friday that Johnson had tested positive on January 17 for a banned drug. Johnson was sus-pended from the 1988 Olympics for steroid use and this second offence has earned him a lifetime



Ben Johnson

The 31-year-old sprinter bad the option to appeal the ruling but his lawyers told a news conference on Sunday that be had decided against an appeal.

Inquiry expected after British football violence

MANCHESTER (R) - Britain's Football Association is expected to begin an inquiry after 300 fans invaded the pitch during the FA Cup quarter-final between Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur.

Monnted police charged on to the pitch Sunday to disperse the fans as City trailed 2-4 with only minutes to play.

"We have a meeting of the F.A. Council in London tomorrow and this is bound to come up." said Peter Swales, chairman of Manchester City and the International Committee of the Football Association, British football's governing body.

"We've got to do something because it is elear now that this sort of thing is just not going to go away. We may have to put the fences back up and it would break by beart to do it," he said Sunday.

A government report recommended the removal of fencing, used to cage in supporters, after the 1989 Hillsborough tragedy when 96 people died after being crushed or trampled.

Police, dog handlers and stewards at Sunday's game quelled wbat could bave turned into a riot and arrested 20 people. A female stward was assaulted and one spectator was removed on a stretcher.

World Youth Soccer Championship Bowe to fight Australia book quarter-final place in May

NEW YORK (R) — Heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe will defend his two world titles in May against either Jesse Ferguson or Alex Garcia before a rematch with former champion Evander Holyfield in September, Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, said Sunday.

Holyfield will have a tune-up fight in June, "preferable against a 10p 10 fighter," his co-manager Shelley Finkel said. Finkel said a late for Holyfield's first fight since losing the undisputed title to Bowe last November will likely be set this week.

It is unlikely that Bowe will be scriously tested by either Ferguson, 19-9, or Garcia, 30-1, in the May 22 tight, which Newman said will be held in either Washington, Portland. Oregon or Atlantic

Rap singer Hammer, an adviser to Holyfield, said the former champion and his new cornermen have a strategy to beat Bowe.

SYDNEY (Agencies) — Austra-lia beat Russia 3-1 in Sydney Monday to move into the quarter-finals of the World Youth

Soccer Championship. The Australians opened the scoring in the 13th minute when Sean Cranney's header hit the bar and defender Murad Magomedov had to take the blame for an own

Russia's Sergei Chudin scored six minutes later by volleying bome after a neat passing move. Australia took command midway through the second half after appearing lethargic in the early

stages against the technically su-Striker Ante Milicie, named man of the match, put the home team ahead in the 69th minute. It was bis second goal of the

tournament after scoring against Colombia Friday. Fellow striker Paul Agostino headed in Australia's third goal in

the 81st minute. Meanwhile Colombia scored a thrilling 3-2 win over Cameroon

in Canberra. Colombian captain and striker Henry Zambrano hit the winner

five minutes from the end and

lia in their opening match. Cameroon crashed out of the under-20 cup with no points from two Group A matches.

threw his side a tournament life-

line after being beaten by Austra-

Championship briefs

- England coach David Burnside said his team would give the United States plenty of respect when the two nations meet Tuesday night in Soccer's World Youth Championship.

The Americans made a stunning start to the tournament with 6-0 victory over European champion Turkey, while England struggled to a 1-1 draw with South Korea in the other Group

Burnside said England's defenders would make the American forwards much more closely than the Turks did.

"There was this much space between them and Turkey," said Burnside, with his hands more than a meter apart, "There was

none between us and Korea. "The Americans played in a carefree way and I sensed the

"Perhaps they underestimated them Americans.

- Fame and fortune would await the Saudi Arabia team if it wais soccer's World Youth Championship, a team official said Monday.

The Saudis opened the tournament with a 0-0 draw against two-time champion Brazil Sunday night and will face Norway in their second Group D match on Tuesday night.

Team secretary Musade Al Talasi said the Saudi government probably would reward players with \$50,000 in cash, cars and bomes if they won ment.

Talasi said there would be long term rewards if the Saudi team was successful.

They will become famous in our country, and in other Arab countries," he said,

When you get famous, you

Key American playmaker Imad Baba underwent treatment for an ankle injury Monday and could miss bis team's second match, officials said.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY MARCH 9, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Forget fun and get at all that accumulated work ahead of you that has been sitting on your desk It is easy to be quarrelsome, get up-set and loss tempers as the Moon squares at 2:56 p.m.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Every sort of up and away friends and eequaintances who are ing themselves can untold benefit

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) for oot in public now and let those in positions of power and authority as well as the general public know of your capabilities, how you can live them.

GEMINI: (May 2t to June 21) Consider well whatever new outlets are now available to you that you can know more about and make them a part of your future undertakings.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21] Put some zip and zest into your relationship with those you love the most and you will find life more electric in the days ahead. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Get away from your usual haunts and conventional persons and meet those who have made an unusual

success in different and out of the

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Add sparkle and enthusiasm to

usual subjects.

whatever your activities are today or tonight and you can have a much more interesting daily routine in whatever interests you E

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LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) A great day for quickly getting chores done and to be off to the amusements and entertainments that you and congenial companions most enjoy

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Take a good look at your home and don't be so hung up on some old and traditional articles that you do not replace some with-modern conveniences. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) Study up on any and all inventions and ingenious plans or ideas that could be of use and helpful to you and make them a part of your everyday living.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Take a good look at your property and possessions and see what of a current nature you can do that improves both the value and the appearance.

AQUARIUS: (January 2) to February 19) Your most extraordinary and bizarre altributes are touched off now so don't hesitate to do something about them so they catapult you forward.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) In your usual quiet hours you now have all kinds of advanced and progressive ideas how you can be more successful but keep them to yourself, try them out in private.



"You're in a rotten mood, so I made you a temporary smile out of mashed potatoes."

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLEO WORD GAME by Henri Arnold Unscramble these lour Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. ROLGY LUTEL SAUNAE WHAT THE BACK YARD WAS TO THE LAUNDRESS. **PHARME** Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon. Print answer here: Jumbles, 1YPEO BRAWL CALLOW SHERRY Answer: What every cartoonist likes to draw— HIS SALARY

THE Daily Crossword by Rena M. Campbell

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BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Monday it lost up to \$55 billion in

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halt in oil exports... until the end

of 1992 reached \$55 billion," the

government newspaper Al

lumhouriyah quoted a source at

the oil ministry as saving.

The value of material losses

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Lights go out on Croatia coast as energy crisis mounts

ZAGREB (R) — Croatia's power suppliers pulled the plog on thousands of homes and factories on the Dalmatian coast Monday in an escalating energy crisis wrought hy war and severe drought.

all factories are shut," said Marko Lovrie, Elektroprivreda's distribution manager for Dalmaria drought.

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Workers at cement, steel and chemical plants were sent home and managers were forced to shut down factories, crippling the coast's already sbell-shocked eco-

Croatia's state-owned power company Elektroprivreda ordered all electricity supplies to be cut from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily for an indefinite period, saying these draconian measures were aimed at staving off a total collapse of power supply to the

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situation. There'll be over a million people without electricity for most of the day and even worse

But hospitals, bakeries, milk suppliers and kindergartens should not be hit, he added. The cuts will, however, put

paid to attempts to revive Croatia's tourist industry — a potential multi-million dollar earner — and cause more hardship for thousands of Bosnian refugees sheltering on the coast.

"It's awful. I don't remember anything being as bad as this," said mother-of three Ivaoka Banovac when contacted by telephone in the Adriatic port of Split. "We bave no heat and the temperature is below freezing."

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Croatia's electric power grid suffered massive damage in 1991 when Croatian militia fought a bloody independence war against

Most transmission lines from the main body of Croatia to its coastal arm were destroyed when Serbs seized control of the Kratina enclave. The region almost cuts the coast off from the rest of the country.

Mr. Lovric said the region had been served mainly by small hydroelectric plants for the past 18 months, but reservoirs feeding the stations have been nearly drained after two and a half months of drought.

"Dalmatia has operated like an island for the past 18 months and now the situation is critical. We need rain, lots of rain," he said.

Surprisingly, the Dalmatian coast has been receiving power from thermo-electric plants in neighbouring Bosnia despite an 11-month war there. Supplies from plants near Travnik and Kakanj in central Bosnia have reached the coast through transmission lines passing through the south of the country which is in the control of Bosnian Crosts.

"Cooperation with Bosnia has helped but now they too have problems and have started power cuts," Mr. Lovric said.

Tomo Bolatin, commercial director of the ferro-alloy plant of Dugi Rat in Split, said 70 per cent of the 14,000 workers had been sent home. The rest were just coming in to do administrative

Dubai gold imports go up by 72 per cent

DUBAI (R) - Dubai's gold imports rose 72 per cent in 1992, an all time record for the UAE emirate which is ranked the world's fifth most important gold trading centre.

Imports were 284 tonnes in 1992 worth some \$3 billion compared with 165 tonnes the previous year and 161 tonnes in 1990, according to World Gold Council (WGC) figures released

by the WGC office in Dubai. The steep increase in Dubai reflects in part recent Indian legislation to allow gold imports by

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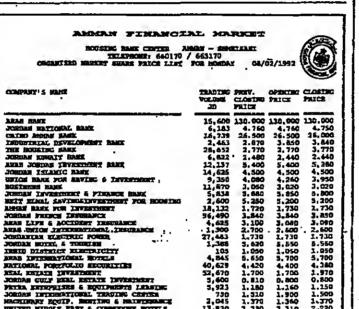
home," a WGC report said. "Dubai is a major source of gold for India. Preliminary estimates for gold demand in the Indian sub-continent (in 1992)

1991," it said. Traders attributed the boom to a dip in world gold prices and the easing of controls on gold imports countries like India and Pakistan.

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French Franc	0.1222	C. 1228
Japanese Yen*	0.5890	0.5919.
Dutch Guilder	0.3687	0.3705
Swedish Kropa	0.0893	0.0897
Italian Lira*	0.0454	0.0436
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Saudi Riyal	0.1840	C.1855	
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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Pakistan budget deficit expected Iraq says to be 7.4 per cent of GDP

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan's of five per cent when the budget budget deficit will balloon in 1992/93 because of flagging tax revenue and the high cost of devastating floods last year, a government minister and World Bank officials said.

"Pakistan will have a 7.4 per cent deficit this year (July/June) according to the state (central) Bank of Pakistan," Minister of State for Economic Affairs Sardar Assef Ali said in a recent

"This is dangerously high even though it is an optimistic figure," he said. The eventral bank refused to comment.

A report by a World Bank economist Sunday included similar forecasts.

Several senior government offi-cials have warned the gap would widen to as much as nine per cent of gross domestie product (GDP), far outstripping forecasts

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was announced last May. Pakistan said then the budget

deficit would not exceed 65 billion rupees (\$2.58 hillion), about 5.0 per cent of GDP. In 1991/92 the deficit made up

6.1 per cent of GDP, down from 8.8 per cent the previous year but well short of the target of 4.8 per cent set by the International Monetary Fund as part of its conditions for helping Pakistan. World Bank official Pedro

Alba forecast the budget would exceed 7.5 per cent because of devastating floods that swept across the central Punjab cotton growing belt and cost the government an estimated \$2.5 billion in losses and relief work.

An internal government report has said Pakistan's economic growth rate may be slashed to 4.0 per cent from projections of 6.3 per cent as a result of the floods.

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The commission bad approved Nestle's 15.46 hillion French

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The economy surged 7.6 per cent the year before.

Mr. Alba said Pakistan had not been entirely successful in improving its fiscal and external account halances and said revenue mobilisation had not been as strong as it could be.

Tax revenue has remained basically stagnant since fiscal 1968, he said, and the structure of expenditures needed to be examined.

"Innovative ways must he found to collect money," Mr. Ali said, adding that no one in Pakistan had ever been convicted of tax evasion.

Tax collection has improved significantly. Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz said in a recent interview. It rose 12 billion rupees (\$461 million) last year to 142 billion (\$5.46 billion) and this year's target had been set at 172 billion rupees (\$6.6 billion).

a third competitor in the French

Nestle had previously fought

off a potential rival hid by the

Italian Agnelli family, owners of

Italy's biggest private industry group and car maker Fiat.

market for bottled water.

The source said frag's total production before U.N. sanctions was 3.2 million barrels per day (b/d) of which 2.75 million were for export. Its pre-sanctions OPEC production quota was 3.1 million bid. United Nations sanctions im-

posed on Iraq soon after its Aug. , 1990 invasion of Kuwait block all trade with Baghdad, apart from imports of food and medi-In January the newspaper

quoted another source as saying that losses from the U.N. emhargo on Iraqi oil amounted to \$44 billion hy the end of June. 1992. Gulf war bomhing inflicted

Once preliminary clearance came from the commission, it needed only to find a list of sell-offs to wrap up the deal. But in Fehruary the commission rejected Nestle's first sell-off plan, which had not included Pierval, as insufficient.

currency against the ECU by up

to five per cent," bank spokes-

mao Martin Svehla told Reuters.

valued the Slovak crown by five

per cent earlier this month.

The Slovak central bank de-

Revaluation of the Czech

rown would make Czech goods

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Mr. Svebla said the reason for

the revaluation was a 1.5 billion

crown (\$53.5 million) Slovak de-

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damage worth \$1.8 hillion on oil installations, the source said. . frag says it has repaired its oil

facilities and would be ready to export more than two million b/d once the U.N. decides to remove restrictions on its crude exports: "The drop is not only a monet-

ary problem," he said. "There

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Czechoslovakia split into sepa-

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Czech Economy Minister Karel

Dyba said if imports continue at

some 30 to 40 per cent of past

levels it would result in com-

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Fronta Dnes it would cause gross.

He told the Czech daily Mlada

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2% against ECU Czechs revalue crown by

central bank Monday revalued the crown currency by two per cent against the European Currency Unit (ECU) to curb a rapid decline in Czech-Slovak trade, the bank's spokesman said.

The ECU is used in a clearing

system to settle trade between the

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Czech and Slovak republics after units on Feb. 8.

(on the monetary split), each

they abandoned the Czechoslovak crown as their common currency and began using separate

group in July.

BNP profits drop

profit fall of nearly 30 per cent, company CIE de Suez last week underscoring the shaky state of reported the first loss in its 135the French banking sector. It said the fall was partly due to bigher provisions against commercial property loans but gave no indication of the scale of the provi-

The state-owned hank estimated its net profit, after payments to minorities, fell to 2.1 billion francs (\$376 million) in 1992 from 2.94 billion (\$526 million) in 1991. In the middle of the 1992, BNP, France's secondbiggest high street bank after Credit Lyonnais, bad set aside reserves against about five per cent of its 26 billioo francs (\$4.65

billion) in property loans. Since then commercial real estate prices have continued to fall, and analysts had been hraced

PARIS (R) — Banque Nationale for an extra provisioning effort. de Paris (BNP) reported a net Financial and industrial holding year history and said it had jacked its property provisions up to 19 per cent.

BNP, a possible candidate for privatisation if the right-wing coalition wins this month's parliamentary elections, said its profits were also depressed by lower carnings from its affiliated companies. Affiliates in which BNP has equity stakes include insurer UAP and Air France.

The provisions and reduced contributions from affiliates wiped out the benefit of an improvement in its operating in-come to 11.8 hillion francs (\$2.11 billion) from 10.85 billion francs (\$1.94 hillion) in 1991.

BNP will announce its audited 1992 results on March 31.

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six billion crowns (\$214.3 million), some 40 per cent less than in the same month in 1992.

Even before that, trade between the two declined. In January they exchanged goods worth Czechoslovakia.

domestic product (GDP) to shrink by three to five per cent. Last year Czech GDP fell by

6.7 per cent to 738.3 hillion crowns (\$26.4 billion). In 1991 it

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Bosnian Muslims order offensive against Serbs to 'save people'

SARAJEVO (R) — The commander of Bosnian Muslim Boris day against Serb forces to relieve wouldpressure on Muslim enclaves and tical for prevent the massacre of inno-

defuse ent people."
week: Sefir Halilovic said thousands "I lof Muslims, including women, sions children and sick people were at takingrisk from Serbs in the Konjevic situatipolie and Srebrenica pockets of tion eastern Bosnia.

poblic He ordered Bosnian Muslim tion, units in Olovo and Kladanj to wealtlattack Serh-held Vlasenica, It which controls a vital Serb road days tink, and Serh forces around a cocKonjevic Polje.

expec Commander Halilovic said evwith ary available Muslim soldier in Deputastern Bosnia should go to the future rebrenica and Konjevic Polje On areas to help existing Muslim

he wiforces.
bis of U.N. peace keeping forces and end taid officials have expressed con-ern for the safety of thousands of Muslims trapped in the region which Serbs have blockaded since the civil war in Bosnia began last · spring.

JOH The settlement of Cerska fell to PolicSerbs last week and many of its pectsinhabitants fled to Srebrenica 50 rifleskilometres south.

that Sarajevo's old town came easteunder heavy artillery bombardthoriment shortly before midnight ThSunday but the Bosnian capital minipas quiet during the night. belie Six U.S. cargo planes dropped Marmore than 46 tonnes of supplies

over Srebrenica early Monday in the eighth airdrop mission to eastern Muslim pockets.

For the third night, the airdrops targetted the town of Sreb-renica where refugees are said to

Bosnia," a statement by the U.S.-European Command said.

The airdrops, at bigh altitude to avoid possible ground fire, have so far dumped about 210 tonoes of military rations and 5.4 toones of medical supplies over the former Yugoslav republic.

General Philippe Morillon. commander of the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) io Bosnia, was due of meet Serb and Muslim military commanders to discuss a ceasefire around Srebrenica to eoable aid to be sent in and sick or wounded people to be brought out.

He wants to open a safe corridor from the town to evacuate those of its 60,000 people, including refugees from fallen Muslim settlements, who want or need to

Bosnian Serbs are insisting that any evacuation of Muslims from Srebrenica must be matched by a similar measure to allow Serbs to leave the Muslim-beld town of Tuzia.

Leadrs of Bosnia's warring Muslims and Serbs, returning from crucial peace talks in New York, were consulting their supporters Monday on whether to stand firm or make concessions to

reach a peace agreement. The break in the peace negotiations came as U.N. forces in the embattled former Yogoslav republic stepped up efforts to get food and medical aid to trapped Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosma and take out the sick and wounded.

Bosnia's Muslim President Alia Izetbegovic said he was leaving New York for consultations in Sarajevo but would return later int he week "with the intection of the gathering after fleeing attacks by Bosnian Serb forces io eastern a successful conclusion." moving the discussions forward to

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said Monday he did not believe the international community would send troops against Serhian forces in the former

Yugoslav republic.
Mr. Karadzic, speaking on his return from New York doriog a break in Bosnia peace talks for consultations, was responding to a statement by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali.

The United Nations chief said Sunday that members of the world body must be prepared to send troops against Serbian forces if the Serbs failed to agree to a peace plan for Bosnia. "I do think the international

community does not plan any use of force, since we have force enough," Mr. Karadzic told Reuters Television in Belgrade. "They should help us find a solution to the crisis.

Mr. Karadzic said hsi side had put forward a plan in New York similar to one worked out by international mediator Cyrus Vance for the former Yugoslav Republic of Croatia.

.We are absolutely positive that this is the only way out of this crisis," he said. Croatia is divided into three

eas under the protection of U.N. peacekeeping troops pend-ing a political settlement. Mr. Karadzic has rejected a

new map for Bosnia dividing it into 10 semi-autonomous regions largely along ethnic baes, and has advocated a truce in the fighting while a political solution is negotiated. European Community foreign

mioisters Monday discussed moves to tighten sanctions oo rump Yogoslavia, but played down the idea of outside military

action if negotiations among the warring parties broke down.

Lord Oweo, co-chairman of the U.N.-sponsored peace conference oo the former Yugoslavia, briefed ministers on the state of play in New York peace talks which broke off temporarily at the weekend to allow Bosnian Muslim and Serb leaders to consult their respective governments.

Lord Owen told reporters on arrival in Brussels that the next few weeks were critical and there were many things which could be done to help restore peace to war-torn Bosnia.

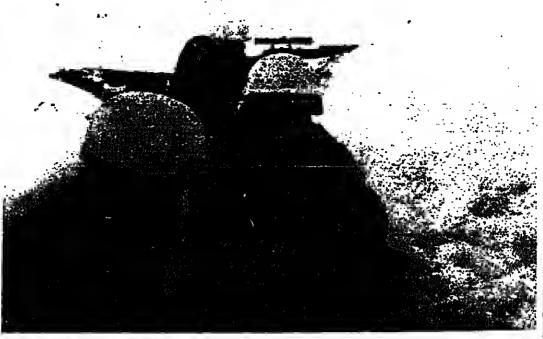
British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd played down the apparent soggestion hy U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali that U.N. member states must be ready to send troops against Serhian forces if they fail to agree a

negotiated peace.
"I don't think there is anything in that... no one is suggesting the use of force before an agreement is reached," he said.

Mr. Hurd said that if Lord Owen found that Bosnia's Serbs were mainly to hlame for holding np a peace agreement, "Then I am sure that we would want to consider straight away how to tighten the grip of sanctions."

Mr. Hurd said he was having talks with CSCE (Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe) sanctions coordinator Antooio Napolitano ahead of Monday's ministerial meeting to discuss details of bow sanctions could be made to bite harder on Serbia and its small ally Mon-

Mr. Hurd said one option was 'making it impossible for oil to come down the Danobe."



U.N. soldiers sit in trenches southeast of Sarajevo Airport to defend positions following an attack on a humanitarian convoy (AFP photo)

Communists stage march in Moscow

MOSCOW (R) - Diehard Commnoists marked International Women's Day here Monday by banging empty pots in protest over poverty and calling for the overthrow of President Boris Yeltsin's government.

"Yeltsin is a butcher of the Russian people," said one of the banners sailing among a sea of red Soviet flags, carried by a crowd of around 1,000 people who gathered near a buge statute of Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin.

Several dozen women, mostly elderly, carried empty pots and pans banging them with spoons to protest against poverty caused, they said, by Mr. Yeltsin's drive from communism to capitalism. March 8, International Women's Day, was one of the biggest holidays in the former

Soviet Union and Russia's parliament kept it as a oational holiday. Apart from this rally, Moscow

appeared to be calm less than two

days ahead of a crucial meeting of

the country's highest legislature.
The conservative-dominated Congress of People's Deputies meets Wednesday, likely to target Mr. Yeltsin and his reforms.

The Monday march was staged by the Russiao Commooist Workers' Party, a hardline faction in the country's Communist

The party says it is ready to fight Mr. Yeltsin and bis government by every means to restore the Soviet Unioo and Communist

It views Russians reforms as a successful implementation of a plot by "world Zionism' masterminded with the help of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

"Everyone come to fight Yelt-

sinism," said the party's paper.
"To unity by an uprising."
The crowd, accompanied by a heavy police escort, marched towards the government headquar-

ters through soolit Moscow

Yeltsin proposed a new compromise to end a power struggle with conservative rivals which threatens to destabilise Russia and wreck his economic reforms to establish a free market. He called for this week's ses-

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sion of the Coogress of People's Deputies to adopt a "law on power" which he said would clearly define the responsibilities of executive and legislative authorities.

"I do not want confrontation with legislative power," Mr. Yeltsio said in an interview on Commoowealth Television Sunday.

He was speaking two days after the conservative-dominated parhament set the stage for a headon clash at the Congress by rejecting his proposals for powersharing.

"I want a law oo power to adopted," Mr. Yeltsio said, handing draft of the document to the television interviewer.

killed in S. Africa bus attack

cent JURBAN (R) - Gunmen killed sive hree people and wounded eight An an attack on a bus in South lano línica's strife-torn Natal protem ince Monday, police said. on "There are three dead and moright wounded," police Captaio ide: Iamilton Ngidi said.

N The African National Congress (arttANC) earlier said 10 of its supnoporters had been killed on their (\$6 vay to a court bearing in Pieterin Inaritzborg on previous masnevacres.

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off EOUL (R) — South Korean corruption permeating Korean society," the domestic news agentic abinet crumhling under the cy Youhap quoted an aide as

the ANC and its main rival, the Zulu-hased Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

Six children were murdered in an amhush on a pickup truck taking them to school in the hilly Table Mountain area near Pietermaritzburg last Tuesday. This was followed by an attack

Friday in which six women and four men died. The latest attack took place at

Three men appeared briefly in due to begin next month.

Justice Minister Park Hee-Tae,

whose daughter gained hack-door

entry to university by renouncing

her citizenship, was thrown out and replaced hy Prosecutor-

Health Minister Park Yang-Sil,

alleged to have performed illegal

abortions and to bave made un-

lawful property deals, was re-placed by Song Jeong-Sook, a newspaper editorial writer.

In an unexpected move, the

president ousted Construction

Minister Hub Jai-Young in

favour of Koh Byung-Woo, presi-

dent of the Korea Stock Ex-

The presidential spokesman

said a probe into Mr. Kuh's past

showed he had "many prob-lems", but he refused to elabo-

rate. New reports speculated Kuh

had amassed a huge fortune through illegal land speculation.

vincial governor, was appointed

mayor of Seoul, succeeding Kim

Sang-Chul who was dismissed last week only three days after getting

The outgoing mayor is accused

of illegally developing green belt land to the south of the capital

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Lee Won-Jong, a former pro-

General Kim Doo-Hee.

hitter political fighting between Pietermaritzborg magistrate's court Monday in connection with the massacre of the children. No charges were put when Sihusiso Zulu, Jeremiah Zulu and a youth who could not be named due to his age appeared.

The case was adjourned to

March 30. Black and white political leadon a minibus to the same area crs have expressed fears the attacks were part of efforts to derail Sooth Africa's fragile democracy negotiations leading

swayiname, also near the Natal to an end to white minority rule. Full-scale democracy talks are

Swiss lift

goes on 'semi-war' alert

N. Korea

TOKYO (Agencies) — North Korea Monday proclaimed a "seml war state" in response to joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises, saying it would be on high alert against attack during the manoeuvres.

The Communist North routinely issues bitter denunciations of the annual Team Spirit military exercise, which it describes as a provocation.

North Korea's official news agency, monitored in Tokyo, said the armed forces and citizens alike should "keenly watch every move of the enemy with high revolutionary vigilance and keep themselves in full combat readiness to destroy the enemies at one stroke."

More than 120,000 U.S. and South Korean troops are to participate in this year's manocuvres, which the United States and South Korea say are purely

Last year's exercises were cancelled as a peace gesture to North Korea after the two Koreas signed an accord to promote dialogue. But the 1993 exercises were reinstated after North Korea refused to agree to inter-Korean inspections of its suspected nuclear weapons facilities. The 10-day exercises, begin-

ning Tuesday, are among the largest joint war games in the world, although they have been greatly scaled back from 1991, when more than 2 million troops participated.

The Korean peninsula was di vided into the North and South in 1945 and the two sides fought a three year war after the North invaded the South in 1950. The border between them is tightly sealed and the most heavily fortified in the world.

TOKYO (R) — More than three in four Russians oppose returning peace treaty or offer large-scale four disputed islands to Tokyo, according to a joint Russo-

Japanese poli released Monday. The poli found 76.7 per cent said they opposed giving the islands to Japanese rule, up from 72.2 per cent in a similar poll taken last November.

Asked the same question, 86 per cent of Japanese said they favoured the return of the four islands, op '

/: claim Japan sovereignt. ands off the northern coast on Hokkaido, seized by Soviet troops in the closing days of " 'I War II. Japan has refuse a poclude a

aid to Russia unless Moscow recognises Japanese sovereignty over the four islands.

Russians oppose return of isles to Japan

The poll, taken by Japan's Central Research Service and the Russian Centre for Public Opinion and Market Research, surveyed 1,410 Japanese over 20 years old and 1.581 Russians over

Althoogh an overwhelming oumber of Japanese want to see the islands returned, they had different opinions on the nature of the ties they wish to maintain

with Russia. Almost 45 per cent of the respondents said economic and cultural relations with Russia

the territorial issue, while 45.1 per cent said promotion of ties should wait until the dispute had

better impression of than vice versa. 16 years old in early Fehruary.

been resolved. The same poll also asked for an

impression of the other country and found that Russians held a

While almost six out of 10 Russians said they had a good impressioo of the Japanese and two out of 10 a very good impression, fewer than one in 10 Japanese said they had a good impression and fewer than one in 100 a very good impressioo of

Amato faces darkest hour as decree blocked

ROME (R) - Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato faced a revolt in his own ranks as even staunch supporters lived up against government plans to defuse the country's devastating

bribery scandal. The refusal Sunday of State President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro to sign a decree aimed at keeping a flood of corruption offenders out of jail marked a low point io Mr. Amato's stormy eight-month administration, analysts said.

Bot few were willing to predict be would resign.

Most believed he would simply downgrade the decree ioto an ordinary bill that needed prior parliamentary approval, replace Environment Minister Carlo Ripa Di Meana who resigned in

protest at the weekend and soldier on. Some thought Mr. Scalfaro, up to oow the prime minister's staonchest political supporter, had even saved Mr. Amato's skin by forcing him to re-think a bigh-

The decree would have immediately removed jail penalties for those coovicted of illegally channelling funds to political parties, a major theme of the yearlong scandal which has ruined dozens of Italy's political and industrial elite.

It would have substituted fines and an ohligation to repay hribes and stay out of office for two to

Opposition parties have branded it a whitewash and even the magistrates it was designed to help have said it would paralyse their investigations.

Bot the 74-year-old Christian Democrat Scaalfaro had objected mostly to the decree form of the plan because be believed it woold clash with a referendum on party financing due next month.

"Scalfaro seems to have pulled off an incredible feat, saving bis own credibility without bringing down the government," La Stampa newspaper said. His refusal to sign the part

dealing with party financing had

"It all tends to suggest that Mr. Amato will not take it as an onacceptable insult," said Il Giornale oewspaper, but Italian state radio was more pessimistic Mooday, saying the government's future looked increasingly in doubt. Financial markets showed con-

come after consultations with Mr.

Amato just hours before.

cern Monday, with bonds easing and the lira comiog off to 950 against the German mark from 954 Friday. Shares opened weak-Mr. Amato must still face an

onslaoght in parliameot Tuesday over his plans, which bave dis-turbed several senior members of his four-party coalition.

Ripa Di Meana, the fourth minister to have resigned because of the scandal in less than a month, had called them "dangerous," fearing the electorate would see them as a plot to save corrupt politicians from jail.

Top German parties ponder rightist election gains

BONN (R) - Germany's mainstream parties, jolted by local elections in Hesse state, began analysing Monday why they had lost so much support to extreme right-wing parties.

Politicians and commentators filled morning television and radio shows with laments about how protest votes had helped the far-right Republicans win seats on dozens of local councils. Embarrassed pollsters sought

to explain why their surveys failed to spot the stinging defeat for the Social Democrats (SPD), the traditional power in the western state, or predict the full measure of the swing to the right. No matter bow it was ex-

plained, the vote Sunday was seen as a further blow to the established parties and a barometer of mounting frustration "The

were the Republicans and the biggest party was the non-voters," ARD Television commented.

"There are no mass parties any more, there are only former mass parties that cannot integrate their fringes," said Daoiel Cohn-Bendit of the Greens, another hig winner with I1 per cent.

The anti-foreigner Republicans won 8.3 per cent of the vote across the state, with 9.5 per cent in Frankfurt, Germany's financial capital, and up to 15 per cent in smaller towns. The big losers were the SPD.

the maio opposition party in Bonn, which plunged 8.4 per cent from Hesse's 1989 local polis to 36.4 per cent. The Christian Democratic Uo-

ion (CDU) slipped 2.3 per cent to 32 per cent, but this was better than expected for a party facing broad dissatisfaction with Chancellor Heimut Kohl's tired centreright coalitico.

Only 71.3 per cent of 4.3 million eligible voters in Hesse bothered to cast their votes, the lowest turnout since 1948.

The people are running away from the big parties," the Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper Noting that the SPD seemed

unable to profit from Mr. Kohl's unpopularity, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung wrote: Governments get worn out. It is dismaying to see there is no strong opposition to the govern-

Dieter Roth of the Forschungsgruppe Wahlen polling group said pre-electioo surveys had shown a large group of undecided voters who made it difficult to predict the result reliably.

The extreme right, which had been expected to be cowed by the many candlelight marches against racism that followed last autumn's anti-foreigner violence.

surged in city areas where voters were more anonymous than in small towns, he said.

"The neighbours don't necessarily know there what one will vote," he told German radio. "A lot of votes there went directly from the SPD to the Republi-

Mr. Roth said the hig loss for the SPD was in effect a slap against the local power group and mirrored a seven per cent loss the CDU suffered in the last election.

Although the Republicans say they deplore violence against foreigners, Ignatz Bubis, leader of Germany's small Jewish commooity, described them as wolves in sheep's clothing" and urged mainstream parties to have nothing to do with them.

"Anyone who votes for the extreme right now does so out of conviction, not out of protest, Mr. Bubis said on televisioo.

Katharine Hepburn gets clean bill of health

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) -Actress Katharine Hepburn has received a clean bill of health from doctors of Hartford Hospital and was expected to be discharged this week, a hospital spokesman said. The 85-year-old actress was hospitalised Thursday for exhaustion. Ms. Hepburn onderwent tests and was exammed hy several specialists. Hartford Hospital spokesman James Battaglio said Sunday, Mr. Battaglio wouldn't say what the tests were, but said their outcome was good. He said she should be discharged by Tuesday. Ms. Hepburn, a resident of New York. spends weekends at her family summer home in the Atlantic coast town of Old Saybrook. She was born in Hartford.

Hoax headlines say Indian premier quits

NEW DELHI (R) — An Indian newspaper published banner headlines Monday saying Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao had resigned aod former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar had been invited to form an all-party government. The Hindi-language Rashtriya Sahara said Mr. Rao was fed up with infighting in the ruling Congress Party. He submitted his resignation to President Shankar Dayal Sharma, who invited Chandra Shekhar to form a government, it said. Other news items on the front page of the newspaper had Finance Minister Manmohan Singh appointed head of the World Bank, two Bombay film actresses in fisticuffs oo a set. an 800 per cent increase in college fees and the co. eletion of a metro railway in New Delhi by the end of the year. Even the front-page cartoon showed the character from a rival newspaper's strip. The cartoon said he was joining the sahara because the should be promoted regardless of previous artist had been banned for using steroids. They were all hoar news items published on Holi, the Hindo spring festival associat with mirth and practical jokes. But journalists working on the festival day in India's two national news agencies said they if the news about Mr. Rao's quitting was true.

2 rescued from life-raft in mid-Atlantic

CAPE TOWN (R) - A British yachtsman and a South African woman were on their way to Cape Town Sunday after being rescued from a life-raft surrounded by sharks io the South Atlantic. "It was like seeing the Star of Bethlehem," Briton Paul Rogers said, describing the approach of the ship which rescued him and Kate Anderson Saturday. The northlight picked them up after eight days on the bie-raft. Their yacht Baltic wind. in which they had sailed in the Cape to Rio race, struck a floating object. It sank on Feb. 26, 10 days after leaving Rio De Janeiro on the return trip. Mr. Rogers, speaking to a reporter hy radio from the northlight, said packs of big sharks had swum around their life-raft, frequeotly ramming it.
The Northlight was expected to dock io Cape Town on March 12. Earlier, Cape Town Port authorities said two British men and a Sooth African woman had been rescued from the life-raft.

Mother charged in track star's slaving

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A woman who helped lead a highly publicised campaign to locate her missing daughter was charged Sunday with killing the 17-yearold track star, police said. Vivien King, 42, was arrested on murder and weapons charges in the slaying of her daoghter, Shilie Turner, who was shot six times, including four times in the head, Police Commissioner Richard E. Neal said. Police refused to discuss a possible motive or other details of Mrs. King's arrest. Turner was last seen at 2:30 a.m. Jan. 10 after a hus dropped her off about six blocks from her home. Her mother reported her missing the next day. Her frozen body was foond on Feh. 20 under some brush at a local park. The girl had talked about wanting to leave home for two years because she didn't get along with her mother, her coach, Tim Hickey, said Sunday. Local athletic officials had called Turner the best high school runner in the city and one of the five best in the nation. She ran the anchor leg in several national championship relays, and three days before her disappearance she set a regional record for the 800 metres.

Kanemaru riches stun Even cynical Japanese

OKYO (R) — Fallen Japanese Sowerbroker Shin Kanemaru, behind bars after his arrest on tax Evasion charges, diverted politic-1 donations worth 2.8 hillion yen ²524 million) for private use.

tailies reported Monday. ² "The people's distrust (in Soliticians) has now reached a langerous height of anger behause of allegations that he hid the money for his own personal

tain," said Asahi Shimbun. often repeat the maxim about politics being a costly husiness." (Asahi and another daily. Zomiuri Shimhun, said Mr. Canemaru, 78, and top aide Masahisa Haibara switched 2.8 villion yen worth of political

ionations since 1984 into five-

year discount bonds, which do not require registry by name. Soch bearer boods, issued hy the Nippon Credit Bank, have often been used to cheat the taxman. Prosecutors have confis-

the dailies said. Of the total sum converted by Mr. Kanemaru and Mr. Haibara into discount bonds, prosecutors said they were considering possihle tax evasion charges on 1.2 billion yen (\$10 million) of their incomes since 1987, the reports

The rest of the total could not be used in an indictment because of a five-year legal limit on tax

cated the certificates as evidence.

Brushing moral concerns aside,

evasion charges. It was unclear who gave Mr. Kanemaru or Mr. Haibara the

casino restrictions, agree to gas hikes

BERN (AP) - Swiss voters Sunday opted to relax a virtual ban oo gamhling and raise gasoline prices by one fifth, answering the government's plea for more cash in central coffers.

Nearly 120 years after casinos were first outlawed by the constitution, 72.4 per cent of voters, or 1.7 million people, accepted government proposals to drop most restriction

A slight majority of 54.4 per cent, or 1.3 million, voted in favour of a 20 centimes (13 cents) hike per litre of gasoline, currently about one Swiss franc per litre. Voter turnout was 50.4 per cent of the 4.5 million electorate. The government and the tour-

ist industry lobbied bard in favour of the roulette tables, arguing that existing restrictions among the most draconian in Europe — are outdated. The Swiss constitution banned "the opening and running of gamhling houses" in 1874. This was in response to excesses by the likes of Russian poet Fiodor Bostoevski, who staked his levelihood on wild nights of roulette.

Bostoevski, who once returned to

his shocked wife without his coat

and wedding ring, reputedly based his 1862 classic The Gambler on his own experiences in Geneva. Io 1956 the electorate voted to ease the ban slightly and fixed a five franc (\$3.3) upper limit on stakes. It has remained there ever since, much to the chagrin and embarrassment of owners of the

18 permitted casinos. The Swiss spend an estimated 900 million francs (\$600 million) per year on money spioners like roulette, hlackjack and baccarat at casinos just over the borders in Germany, Austria, Italy and

the government said this money

could just as well as spent inside with most politicians' failure to Switzerland. It wants to use the solve problems that have arisen anticipated annual revenues of since German unification in 1990. 150 million francs (\$100 million) ser af the election on social security benefits.